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Constituency parties swing the vote

Blair scorns defeat on Clause Four

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY Blair tried to shrug off his first serious setback as Labour leader last night after the unions and the Left inflicted an embarrassing defeat on him over Clause Four.

After the Labour conference in Blackpool narrowly supported the nationalisation commitment that he intends to ditch, Mr Blair dismissed the result as being of no significance and vowed to press ahead with rewriting the constitution. "It makes no difference whatever to the review taking place," he said on BBC Radio's *The World at One*. He attacked the "pathetic kerfuffle" among the media about the vote.

Yesterday's reverse will not prevent Mr Blair from scrapping Clause Four and the closeness of the result suggested that he is not far from winning round Labour's activists. A detailed breakdown of the vote released last night showed that the unions had voted narrowly in favour of Mr Blair, but that constituency parties had voted against him in sufficient numbers to deny him victory. The overall vote was 50.9 per cent to 49.1 per cent against him.

It emerged that an undaunted Mr Blair is hoping to have a new statement of party aims approved by key elements of the party by the early spring, making next year's conference vote on the issue no more than a formality. He has a clear idea of what he wants it to contain. It will be short and sharp, probably no more than a page.

However, the swift re-emergence of Old Labour in a passionate debate that included some barbed attacks on Mr Blair took the shine off an otherwise triumphant week for him and handed a much needed propaganda weapon to the Conservatives in advance of their conference next week. In a concerted attack last night, ministers claimed that Mr Blair's modernisation efforts were in disarray. Jeremy Hanley, the Tory Party chairman, said Labour did not want to change and was not fit to govern. "Tony Blair tries to talk about New Labour. We have seen, in vote after vote, his party will have none of it," he said.

"It is still the old Labour Party, the party of unilateral nuclear disarmament, the party of state ownership, the party that refuses to redefine socialism as Mr Blair pretends he can."

There was also criticism among Labour MPs and delegates last night that the leadership had mishandled affairs by staging the debate only two days after Mr Blair had stunned the political world by announcing that he was to cast aside the "holy writ" of socialism.

Some union leaders were saying privately that if Mr Blair had taken them into his confidence and consulted them on his plans to redraft the constitution, they could have avoided the defeat. Several big unions were mandated to support the Clause Four motion and it was too late to alter their stance. One union leader said: "This could have been prevented, but perhaps it is no bad thing if *Icarus learns that he cannot* fly too close to the sun."

Mr Blair hit back: "I think if I had let a lot more people know about my speech in advance that would have been very good for the media, but not very sensible for me."

Much pressure was exerted overnight on the motion's sponsor, the Glasgow Maryhill constituency party, to withdraw it but it held firm. Jim Mearns, the Glasgow delegate, launched a fierce defence of Labour's sacred cow and mocked Mr Blair's own pledge on crime by telling him to be "tough on capitalism, tough on the causes of capitalism".

The public service union Unison also considered whether to change its mandate at a special delegate meeting yesterday, but decided to stick to its guns.

When the result was declared, after three recounts, and the leadership realised it had been narrowly defeated, damage limitation was started immediately. A source close to Mr Blair said: "It will not affect the review one little bit. We are treating this as a totally separate issue. The unions voting against us were supporting the constitution as it is, but they are fully on board for the review and we have been encouraged by their support for that."

Mr Blair was sanguine last night about the conference defeat and unrepentant about his tactics. He told friends that he made no apology for keeping his plans secret to gain maximum impact. Friends said that once he had decided on his action, it had to be done "big and bold".

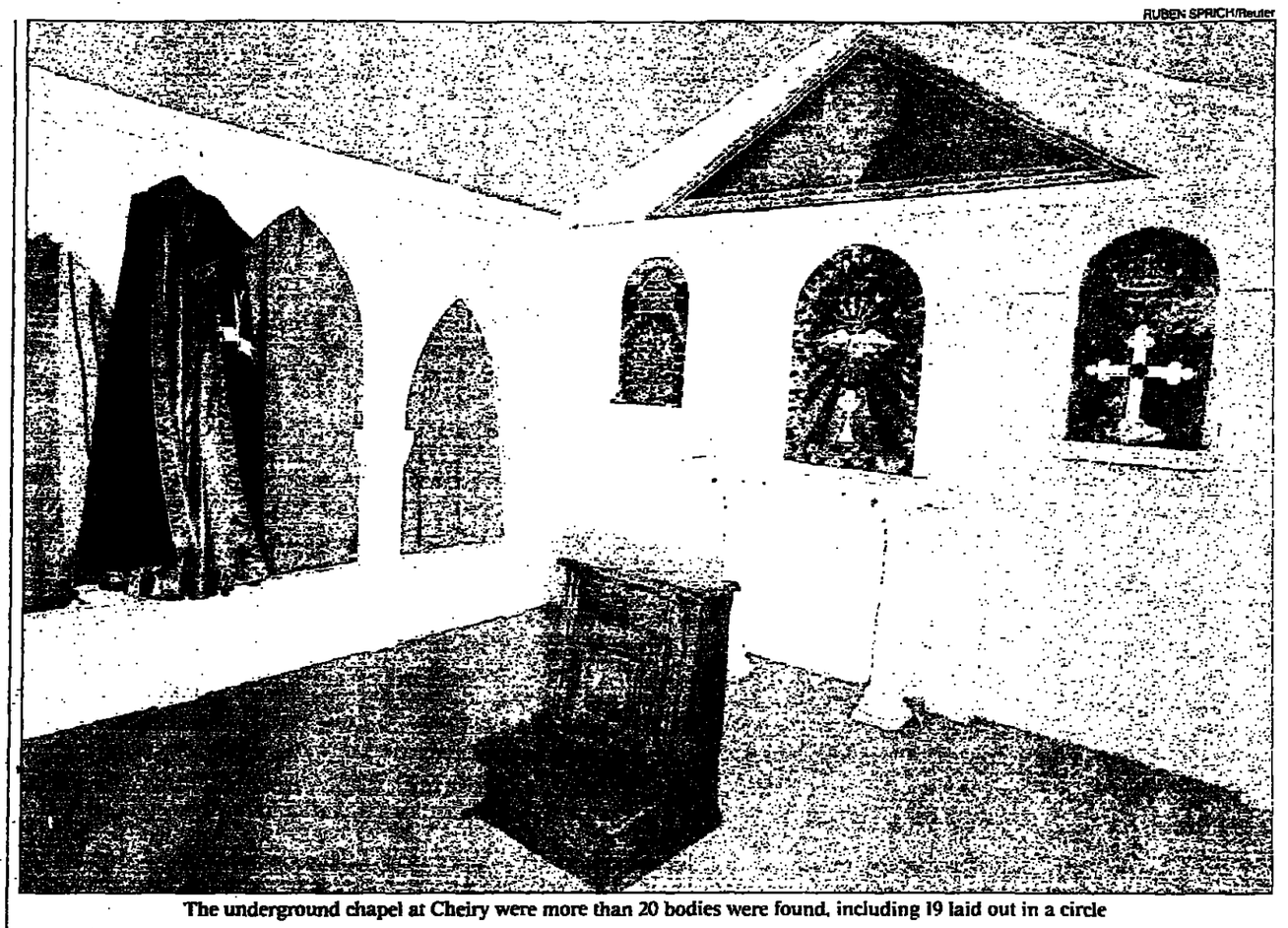
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Tax cut lure for middle classes

Tony Blair yesterday stepped up his efforts to widen Labour's appeal by holding out the prospect of tax cuts for people on middle incomes.

Stressing that he was not making any promises, he said on BBC Radio's *The World at One* that if the economy was strong and growing "we can reduce the burden of tax. A strong economy will allow us to spend more wisely and to reduce the burden of tax on middle income families."

RUBEN SPRICH/Reuter



The underground chapel at Cheiry were more than 20 bodies were found, including 19 laid out in a circle

Swiss cult members may have been killed by missing Belgian leader

FROM BILL FROST IN GRANGES-SUR-SALVAN AND ADAM SAGE IN CHEIRY

SWISS police believe that Luc Jouret, the leader of the Order of the Solar Temple, may still be alive and may have drugged and killed 48 of his followers whose bodies were found in two hamlets.

André Piller, the investigating judge, said new evidence had forced the authorities to consider that the victims had been murdered. Police issued photographs and alerts for Mr Jouret, 46, at borders and airports as officers recovering bodies from the scenes at Cheiry and Granges-sur-Salvan said there was nothing to indicate that the Belgian cult leader was among them.

Although some evidence still points to a mass suicide, there were indications that members of the cult may have met with a "violent death" against their wishes, Mr Piller said. Some of the victims had been injected with a "powerful product", as well as being shot and suffocated, he said.

Although three rifles were found at the isolated farm in Cheiry, the weapon used to shoot some of the 23 victims in the head had disappeared. "Apparently it has been taken away," he said.

A car with two occupants was seen leaving the village shortly before the building caught fire at 12.15am on Wednesday. The occupants would have had time to drive the 97 miles on winding roads to Granges-sur-Salvan where 25 victims, including two children, died in two burnt-out chalets. A police car in the valley below saw flames coming from the chalets at 3.30am.

It is possible that an accomplice of Mr Jouret killed the two followers of the sect whose bodies were found hours earlier in a razed house in Quebec next to one owned by the cult leader. The fire had been started by a system of electrical wires linked to five gas tanks, which would have been triggered by a telephone call that produced an electric charge when it rang. The occupants could have been killed before the fire began. Forensic scientists completed their search of a third gutted chalet in Granges-sur-Salvan. No further bodies were found in the charred ruins, but a safe was dug from a wall and its contents — believed to be documents and cassette tapes — were being examined last night.



Jouret: police believe that he is still alive

At the edge of the garden stood a small wooden building that had apparently served as a temple. The interior was covered with heavy, red silk drapes, and three red candles were set on a make-shift altar. A red and green cloak was still hanging on the wall. An attempt was made to set an incendiary device outside the shed, which failed to ignite.

Police investigating the scene at Cheiry found three incendiary devices in the farmhouse, and one in an underground chapel. The one in the temple could have been triggered by a telephone call, but it failed to go off. Beat Karlen, a police spokesman, said: "We found victims who had their heads covered in plastic bags, who had their hands tied. So we started from the theory that at least some of them did not want to commit suicide."

On the red satin-clad walls of the temple hung a figure of a Christ-like figure with long hair and a beard, which could have been Mr Jouret. It was in this room that 19 bodies were laid out in a sun-like circle, their feet towards the centre.

Bernard Geiger, head of the Valais Canton police, said 17 of the bodies brought from the chalets in Granges were female, and seven were male. "As for the other corpse, we may never know the sex, because it is so badly burnt," he said.

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Health risks to smokers twice as high as thought

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE risks of smoking are twice as high as has previously been thought and can kill in two dozen different ways, according to the world's longest-running study on the effects of tobacco on health.

The figures show that half of regular smokers will eventually be killed by the habit, one quarter of them before they are 70. The size of the risk has only become apparent in the last 20 years of the study as the gap between non-smokers and smokers has widened.

However the study shows that moderate drinking, at the rate of one or two drinks a day, does most men in middle-age more good than harm.

The latest findings from the study, begun in 1951 and based on the observation of 34,000 British male doctors, show that smoking kills in two dozen different ways but small amounts of alcohol extend life by cutting the risk of heart disease.

More than 20,000 of the doctors have died since the study, now regarded as a classic in the medical literature, was launched by Sir Richard Doll of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Cancer Studies Unit at Oxford. More than 15,000 of these deaths were linked with smoking.

Among the diseases increased by tobacco are nine types of cancer and 10 types of stroke and heart disease. Only Parkinson's Disease is reduced by smoking.

Announcing the latest results, to be published in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal*, Sir Richard, who is 81, said yesterday: "Smoking causes 100 deaths for each one it might protect against." However he added that it was never too late to give up.

For the last 13 years of the study, 12,000 of the doctors were asked about their drinking habits. The results showed that those who drank up to 21 units a week (1½ pints of beer or equivalent a day) — the Government's current limit for sensible drinking — cut their overall risk of dying by at least one sixth compared with teetotallers.

Professor Richard Peto, who joined Sir Richard on the study in the 1960s, said it was the largest investigation of the effects of alcohol in Europe. Heart disease was cut by 40 per cent among the moderate drinkers.

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Teenage gang chases boy of 14 to death under train

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A GANG of youths chased a schoolboy, 14, to his death under the wheels of a train and then threw stones at his body as it lay on the track.

Jamie Coogan from Galston Street in the Nitshill area of Glasgow died instantly when the Glasgow to Kilmarnock train struck him. Yesterday Jamie's friend William Stillie, 14, who had been with him when the accident happened, said the youths stoned the body and chanted "We got Jamie," before running away.

William Stillie said: "We were chased by a gang of ten boys aged about 16 from South Nitshill. We tried to sneak around some bushes to escape them and heard a train coming. Jamie saw the train and pulled me to safety but he slipped and was hit. I picked him up and took his pulse. I said to him 'Jamie, Jamie wake up' but I knew he was dead. A few seconds later the gang caught up with us and started hitting Jamie with sticks and bricks." Det Sgt Alistair McCall of British Transport Police said:: "There has been speculation about gang fighting and that is one of our lines of inquiry."



Jamie Coogan: body on track hit with bricks

Residents said yesterday that Jamie's death was an accident waiting to happen. The walls to the railway embankment have been broken down and residents have campaigned to get them repaired.

Jamie's father John Coogan was one of the first on the scene of the accident. "To see your son like that is something that will live with me forever," he said. Jamie's mother Morag saw the ambulance as she walked back from a visit to her mother-in-law. She had no idea that the body on the track was her son's.

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Peter Mandelson, code-named "Bobby" by the Blair camp, was meeting opposition. Opposition? Mr Mandelson begged to differ. There was no opposition. Most Labour delegates were Blairites but there *was* a group on whom the full truth of Blairism was still dawning. These, said Mandelson, were "Blairites in transition".

In the Winter Gardens, then, were to be found only two groups: Blairites, and Blairites-in-transition. The implication was that some sort of re-education facility — a barracks with an electrified fence and Alsatians, situated somewhat to the north of the town — was being contemplated to help to speed the transition.

Yesterday the world learnt that the training camp may need to be larger than anticipated. The Blairites-in-transition are more numerous than supposed. The Blairites-in-transition were, in fact, all over the shop, leaping up and down, banging the lectern, upholding the Red Flag and calling the leadership rude names. Obviously the transition is proving a little rough for them.

It's a big jump to make, I suppose: from completely believing, to completely not believing everything you thought you did believe. The gymnastically challenged are finding this hard to accomplish in two days. In the debate on Clause 4 the strain showed.

As David Winnick MP (BiT) put it, could you imagine a Tory conference being informed that the Conservative Party no longer believed in the free market? Poor Mr Winnick was so overcome by emotion that his argument, such as it was, was drowned by the amplified boom of his fists flailing down on the lectern. The effect — of heavy shelling — seemed to persuade some of the more excitable delegates that the revolution had already begun. "Let's keep the Red Flag flying!" cried one youth, to cheers.

"Maybe we don't just need a minimum wage," shouted Jane Carron, another delegate, "maybe we need a maximum wage as well!" Champagne socialists quailed. "Comrades! Sorry, friends; well, comrades and friends," declared an angry Scot, David Speller, sarcastically. "Tony Blair made such a wonderful speech with such wonderful principles but it was spoilt near the end."

"I'll take the sister beside the aisle at block A," announced Robin Cook, hopefully, from the Chair. This sister, Kali Mountford from Sheffield, made a fine speech, upholding the leadership's rights to discuss clause 4 — then spoilt it by informing conference that she had voted for John Prescott as leader. Mr Prescott's mouth seemed to quiver momentarily, but he suppressed a grin and sat there looking like Desperate Dan digesting a particularly tasty hunk of cow pie.

Support for Mr Blair came from the deeply ambitious Denis MacShane, the new MP for Rotherham with a rascally smile and a left-wing past. MacShane gets the prize for effrontery. "Top-down socialism never works," he advised us, meaning to refer to the Russian economy, but speaking in a debate about the most top-down thing that any Labour leader has tried since Gaitskell.

Last spoke Larry Whitty. His job was to wind up on a note helpful to the leadership. By coincidence, this was the point at which the leader, who had been unavoidably detained, joined the platform party. Normally he would have sent one of his clones (there is a whole squad of Blair lookalikes, practising their grins backstage, and the man you think is Blair is often one of these sinister doppelgangers; the only way to tell is if Cherie holds hands with it) but yesterday's debate was judged too hot, even for a decoy.

Four hours later it must have been a decoy they sent to grin for the announcement of the vote. Cherie wasn't there. After all, if you were Blair's wife then, for this, you would hold his hand.

Hanley overhauls party machinery to tackle next election

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

AN OVERHAUL of the Tory party machine designed to put it in fighting trim for the next election will be announced by Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman, next week.

Mr Hanley will unveil plans to reverse a long-term slide in membership, spend £1 million on boosting the number of professional agents in key seats and strengthen links between Conservative Central Office and local parties.

After independent research suggesting the average age of Tory activists is 62, the recruitment campaign — the first for six years — will include a special appeal to younger people to join.

Mr Hanley disclosed his proposals as he brushed aside Tony Blair's media triumph this week in Blackpool as a fleeting affair and one that would rebound on the Labour leader.

He said Mr Blair's words were not matched by his deeds or those of his party and senior ministers would take every opportunity to expose the gulf between rhetoric and reality. The Labour leader's speech, in which he warned of the need for sweeping changes in his party, had been an admission that he had personally been wrong on every important issue over the past decade and that Labour was not yet fit to govern the country.

Looking forward to the Tory conference in Bournemouth next week, Mr Hanley said "knocking Mr Blair" would take second place to a concerted effort to highlight the solid achievements of the first half of the Parliament and to outline firm proposals for "good government" over the next two and a half years. Tory MPs fear that the combination of Mr Blair's rapturous reception and opinion polls giving Labour a big lead might revive speculation over John Major's position. But Mr Hanley dismissed such suggestions, saying Mr Major had had a "brilliant summer" and stood "head and shoulders above the rest".

Mr Hanley's own hopes of being the Tory general at the next election have been clouded by a faltering start at Central Office in which he has earned a reputation for gaffes and slips. Some MPs have privately predicted that his job is on the line next week and if he fails to recover his poise he will be dropped next summer. Mr Hanley said he had emerged stronger from the "sport" the press had had with him. He had also learnt to be fully briefed before making a comment.

The overhaul of the party machine will be announced by Mr Hanley in his speech to the conference on Friday, the closing day. The number of professional agents would be increased by nearly 50 per cent over the coming year, bringing the total to 300.

All marginal seats would have expert help and local associations would be expected to put up some of their own money and promise not to drop new staff immediately after the election.

The drop in membership was the result of the familiar mid-term slump in the Government's popularity and the longer-than-usual interval since the last recruitment drive. But his estimates suggested that the Tories still had more than 500,000 members — twice Labour's and more than five times the Liberal Democrats', he said.

☐ The Tory party faces a threat by the Royal Bank of Scotland to withdraw the its loss-making credit card. The scheme has not covered administrative costs and only 1,100 members have signed up compared with more than 50,000 for Labour's card.

The bank has made clear it is not prepared to continue with the scheme unless there are more subscribers. The party has a £16 million overdraft with the bank.

The Times will publish on Monday the results of its exclusive investigation into the state of the Conservative Party organisation, disclosing the extent of the fall in membership and in the number of agents.

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Major abandons quest for 'big idea'

By Nicholas Wood

JOHN Major has abandoned his search for a "big idea" to illuminate his rallying cry to the Tory faithful at next week's party conference.

Instead, the Prime Minister and his colleagues will seek to restore the Government's reputation by highlighting the "concrete and credible" steps they are taking to rebuild the economy and put the Conservatives on course for a fifth consecutive election victory.

They will back up their claims to competence by announcing moves in areas such as law and order, education and health and by turning their guns on Tony Blair.

Ministers intend to mount a strong counter-attack on the Labour leader after his party conference this week, accusing him of U-turns, of admitting that his party is unelectable and of opening up a chasm between his rhetoric and the reality of Labour policy.

Measures aimed at strengthening the place of team games in schools, a tougher regime in jails, expanding GP-fundholding and, possibly, expanding nursery provision, were top of the list last night as ministers worked on their conference speeches.

The Tory strategy for tackling Labour's big opinion poll lead was agreed yesterday at a political session of the Cabinet addressed by Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman.

In the summer, Mr Major was toying with a "back to civics" theme to emphasise the Tory commitment to the social fabric and counter Mr Blair's claims that it has been ripped apart by greed and sleaze. But after the fiasco of "back to basics" last year, he has been persuaded by senior party figures to concentrate on the Government's achievements and emphasise plans to carry forward the Tory creed.

☐ Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare has been invited by the South African branch of Britain's Conservative Party to visit their country on a party fund-raising drive to woo expatriates eligible to vote in British general elections.

JAMES MORGAN



The German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter makes her only British appearance this year at the Barbican Hall, London, tonight. She will play works by Stravinsky, Beethoven and Schumann and a piece written for her by Sebastian Currier

Chicken producers blame salmonella on bad hygiene

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

POULTRY producers and the Government have blamed poor hygiene in the domestic kitchen for the high level of food poisoning attributed to salmonella.

The British Chicken Association dismissed as "scaremongering" a consumer survey that found that 36 per cent of chickens sampled contained the organism and that 41 per cent were contaminated by campylobacter, another harmful bacterium. John Ramuz, spokesman for the association, said the findings ignored the fact that salmonella and campylobacter were widely present in the environment. "Like any other farmed fresh food, chicken is susceptible to many bacteria. There is no risk to anyone provided it is cooked properly," he said. The Agriculture Ministry said there was no danger if chicken was correctly handled, stored and cooked. It was important that deep-frozen chicken was thawed before cooking and that raw chicken was not stored in contact with other food.

Charlotte Gann, senior editor of *Which?*, the magazine that carried out the survey, said: "This really is not good enough. Of course, proper hygiene should be observed in the kitchen, but the consumer should not have to treat every chicken as suspect."

The *Which?* survey tested 1,000 samples of chicken in 14 European countries. Britain was found to have the third highest level of salmonella contamination after Denmark and Portugal. The number of reported cases of food poisoning has risen steadily since 1989 when Edwina Currie was dismissed as a health minister for saying most British egg production was contaminated with salmonella.

MoD drops private housing scheme

Ministry of Defence plans to raise £500 million next year by selling all service married quarters to a private housing trust have been scrapped. The money was supposed to be part of urgent savings in the defence budget demanded by the Treasury in last autumn's public expenditure round.

Ministry officials had been confident that £500 million could be saved in 1995-96 by handing to the private sector responsibility for managing and improving the 68,000 houses. However, after months of negotiations with the Treasury and City institutions that had initially shown an interest in funding the purchase of the married quarters' stock, the proposed housing trust was judged to be commercially unviable. The ministry blamed the scheme's failure on "technical difficulties" and said it still intended the private sector to become involved.

Strike to delay Tubes

Thousands of commuters face long delays today as the Rail Maritime and Transport union holds a 24-hour London Underground strike. Managers hope to run up to 60 per cent of the normal service but admit there will be hold-ups, particularly on the Central Line. The strike has been called over a 4.7 per cent wage claim. Members of other London Underground unions have accepted the 2.5 per cent offer.

Burglars pick on Blair

Tony Blair, who this week pledged to tackle the issue of law and order, has himself become the target of determined burglars at his home in Islington, north London. The Labour leader has twice lost TVs and video machines during three break-ins in the past 17 months, although neighbours' homes have remained untouched. On two occasions Mr Blair and his family were asleep upstairs.

Adams meets IRA man

Gerry Adams has publicly met a convicted IRA gunman in San Francisco who escaped from jail in Belfast 11 years ago. The Sinn Fein leader urged continued support for IRA prisoners at large in America. At a press conference on Wednesday, he shook hands with James Smyth, recently freed from a US jail when a judge denied Britain's request for his extradition. Mr Adams has applied for a visa to visit Canada next week.

Arts subsidy warning

The arts can no longer regard the National Heritage Department as a "fountain of money" and a ready source of subsidy, Stephen Dorrell was due to tell regional arts chiefs in Nottingham today. In his first public speech since becoming heritage minister, Mr Dorrell will reject the notion that his department's goal of providing wider access to the nation's heritage implies a greater commitment to state funding.

Search for boy continues

Police intensified their search yesterday for a nine-year-old boy who has been missing since Sunday. Daniel Handley was last seen leaving the house of a friend near his home in Beckton, east London. He is said to have the mental age of a child aged seven, with a habit of asking for lifts. Det Supt Ed Williams, who is leading the search, said he could not rule out the possibility that the boy had been abducted.

Law Society under attack

Charles Elly, president of the Law Society, will seek today to head off mounting criticisms by solicitors that the society is *not fulfilling its role in fighting for its members at a time of* cut-throat competition over conveyancing and low legal aid rates. He will face criticism at the society's annual conference that it has abandoned its role of representing solicitors to regulate the profession for the protection of the public.

Lost walker, 83, hails train

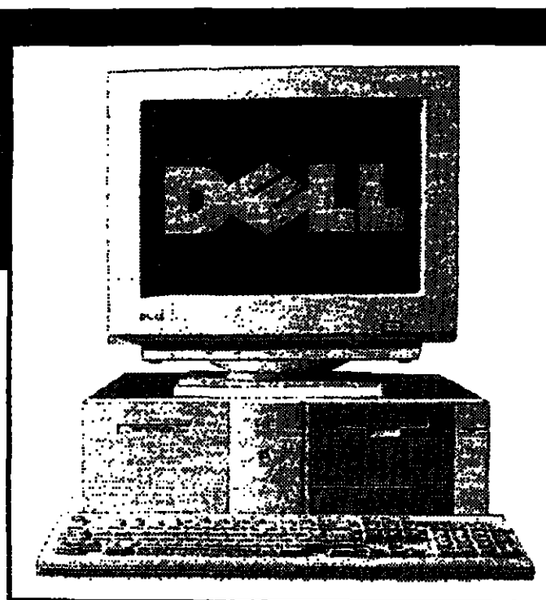
A search for John Shephard, 83, lost overnight on Rannoch Moor in the Highlands, was called off when he flagged down a train on a remote stretch of railway. Mr Shephard, a retired headmaster from Braidwood, Strathclyde, had set out to walk from Corrour Station, Britain's highest at 1,300ft, to Rannoch Station when he became lost. After his night on the moor he said: "I feel perfect."

Marlow death 'accident'

Greek police believe the drowning of the wife of Tony Marlow, the Tory MP, was an accident and expect to close the *investigation soon. Catherine Marlow, 55, died on Sunday* while swimming in the sea during a holiday on the island of Zakinthos. Lieutenant Commander Aristotle Salvanos, head of the island coastguard, said: "If, as I expect, the coroner's report doesn't find anything suspicious, the case will close."

Christopher Moran: an apology

We reported (Property, September 27) that Mr Christopher Moran had agreed with Kensington and Chelsea Council to provide public access to his home, Crosby Hall, as a condition of planning permission to build a new two-storey extension. We now accept that at no time did Mr Moran agree to allow such access and that he vigorously opposed the council's wish to impose the condition in return for permission to use Crosby Hall as a single residence and home for himself and his family. Mr Moran is challenging the council's legal power to impose such a condition and has been advised that its decision is invalid and an unreasonable infringement of his rights of privacy. We apologise to Mr Moran for our mistake.



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Sixty members of suicide cult found living in Canada

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA AND REUTER IN ZURICH

CANADIAN police investigating the disappearance of Luc Jouret, leader of the Order of the Solar Temple cult, yesterday visited two other communities in Quebec where members were found to be living peacefully with no indication they were planning mass suicides as occurred in Switzerland on Wednesday.

Cult experts believe that a split may have occurred recently within the group, 48 members of which were found dead in what appears to have been a combination of ritual execution and suicide.

The two surviving communities, made up of about 60 people including children, are in St Anne about 100 miles northwest of Montreal and St Sauveur about 60 miles north of Montreal. Police are maintaining surveillance on both groups.

In another development, Canadian police sources said they there may have been an international money laundering operation connected with the cult's finances and the numerous properties it owned or controlled in Quebec and Switzerland.

Among the dead in Switzerland were a number of prominent Canadians who have been identified as Robert Falardeau, 47, a middle level bureaucrat in the Quebec finance department, Joce-Lyne Grand'Maison, 44, a reporter for the *Journal de Québec* newspaper, Robert Ostiguy, 50, mayor of Richelieu, a



Grand'Maison: she promised to call

community of 22,000 people near Montreal, and his wife Françoise, 47.

Paul Audsley, the British-born husband of Joce-Lyne Grand'Maison, said: "It was murder. Joce-Lyne was taken hostage. I am 100 per cent sure she would never have taken part in a collective suicide. She phoned me last Sunday to tell me she was going to a chalet elsewhere in Switzerland to see a friend. She had promised to call me Tuesday night but never did."

Mr Audsley described Luc Jouret as a dictator who had once advised Joce-Lyne to leave her husband because he had refused to become a member of the group.

Mr Falardeau was described by colleagues as a timid man responsible for carrying out finance department investments in the Treasury. They knew nothing of his cult activities.

Mrs Falardeau, who knew her husband was involved in the cult, said there was no possibility that he had committed suicide. She said: "My husband was murdered by those people." He had told his wife that he was going to Switzerland to settle some business matters and would be back this week.

Sylvie Lémieux, the acting mayor of Richelieu, said Robert Ostiguy was "much too intelligent a man to have participated in a mass suicide". Friends of the mayor's family, as well as workers at city hall were aware that he had been involved in the sect since the late 1980s.

Bernard Ouellet of the Centre for Information on New Religions who has studied the cult for the past ten years said its members were not the kind of people who would commit mass suicide. "The order saw itself as a select group of humans who would help the rest of us through the coming cataclysmic crisis with the return of a solar christ.

"These people didn't want to leave the world. They wanted to transform it," Mr Ouellet said. "They were not considered a dangerous group, simply a bizarre group."

In Brussels yesterday, the Belgian Justice Ministry spokeswoman confirmed that Jouret, 46, was born in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire, and was a Belgian citizen. She said that in 1985 the Canadian authorities had requested information about Jouret, but that no files had been opened on him since 1975.

Officials at the Free University medical department in Brussels declined to comment on reports that Jouret, who practised as a homoeopath, was a graduate.

The Belgian newspaper *De Morgen* described him as at one point serving as a nurse with Belgian paratroopers and said he had "flirted a while" with the Belgian Communist Party.



Two bodies were found in this mirror room of the sect's burnt out farmhouse at Cheiry

TONY WHITE



Dave Roles, of the Association of Wine Educators, demonstrates his art

Festival with accent on good taste

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE first day of the International Festival of Fine Wine and Food, sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, attracted thousands of members of the public as well as leading food and cookery writers.

They visited London's Olympia exhibition hall not only to sample thousands of food and wine specialities on display but also to benefit from the formidable array of culinary and vinous knowledge.

Today's programme includes cookery demonstrations by the Soho chefs Bruno Loubet of Bistrot Bruno, Antony Worrall Thompson of dell' Ugo, and by Frances Bissell, cook. The wine-tasting sessions are devoted to partnerships between food and drink.

Admission to the festival, which is open from 11am to 7pm (6pm on Sunday) is £15 single or £25 double, including free delivery of wine and non-perishable goods bought at the show.

Missing wife 'seen walking with rucksack' near car blaze

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A WOMAN resembling Alison Routley, the lawyer missing for over a week, was seen walking with a rucksack in the countryside an hour after her car was spotted ablaze on a wooded hillside.

Police disclosed yesterday that a rucksack, walking boots, an olive-green body warmer, credit cards and cash appeared to be missing from her home.

Her husband Brian, 40, said: "Perhaps she has gone off of her own accord. If she has, for Christ's sake Alison, give me a shout." He added that painkillers she had been taking for a back problem made her "very dopey".

The latest sighting strengthens the police theory that Mrs Routley, 34, left her home at Chapel Leigh, Somerset, of her own volition. Superintendent Peter Hinde, who is leading the inquiry, urged her to telephone him.

The trainee legal executive vanished after driving her daughter Alexis, 11, to a school bus stop on the morning of September 28. Her car was involved in an accident at 1.40pm and was seen burning near Cothelstone in the Quantock Hills at 2.15pm.

The new sighting was by three or four women waiting to pick up their children from school in the village of Enmore, three miles from the abandoned car, between 3pm and 3.30pm. They saw a woman fitting Mrs Routley's description walking towards Bridgwater with a rucksack.

Mr Routley said yesterday: "She does a job, she runs her home and she is usually where she is supposed to be. We had a good thing going. It is seriously not like her to go off.

"I don't see her going of her own accord without taking her daughter with her. She loved the place we were at. I don't see her leaving that."

Asked about being a suspect, Mr Routley said: "The police have got to look at everything. They can get hold of me but I've got the slight advantage: I know I didn't do it."

He said he could make no sense of her disappearance. "This is the best I can come up with: she has come home and disturbed someone rummaging around the place, got stuck in and it has all gone horribly wrong."

He added: "She has been a bit depressed with a back injury because she can't do half the things she wants to do. My instinct is telling me that she isn't alive and well simply because I can't put together that she would simply up and leave the young 'un to come home to an empty house. I just can't get this into my skull.

"I hope to Christ she is alive and well but I've got this nagging suspicion that she is in a ditch somewhere."

Mrs Routley's mother, Eileen Feilen, said Alexis was nearing the end of her tether. "She thinks her mummy has been abducted," she said. "She thinks she is miles away. Alexis is such a plucky little girl but I fear that she is reaching breaking point."

More than 50 officers, including divers, yesterday continued searching the countryside between Mrs Routley's home and Cothelstone, where her car was found.

Her employers, the solicitors Dodson Harding, of Wellington, Somerset, offered a reward of £1,000 for information.



Alison Routley: missing for 9 days

Bardot joins plea for Kent alsatian

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND JOHN YOUNG

BRIGITTE Bardot is throwing the weight of her animal rights movement into the effort to save a Kent family's alsatian from destruction under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Saaba was condemned to death by Medway magistrates for biting a policeman who tried to capture it after the dog escaped from its owner's garden. The bite did not break the skin, but the court was obliged to order the dog's destruction. Carol Dole, its owner, has organised a petition for a reprieve and has submitted an appeal to be heard at Canterbury Crown Court next week. Her campaign has been backed by the novelist Jilly Cooper and the television writer Carla Lane.

Stephane Charpentier, director of the Bardot Foundation, who will attend the appeal hearing, said: "The application of the law in Britain is cruel and stupid."

The foundation, which defends animal rights around the world, is fighting attempts in France to pass laws similar to those in Britain. Several city councils have enacted local bans and politicians are pressing for new laws after a spate of attacks by dogs. "We must remember that it is the master who is responsible, not the dog," M Charpentier said. "We favour a law which would ban the breeding or sale of fighting breeds, allowing them to die out naturally. We do not condone the killing of individual animals."

Bardot, who has devoted her celebrity to the animal cause for the past 20 years, had been especially touched by the Saaba case, her colleagues said. M Charpentier will be accompanied to Canterbury by Francois-Xavier Kelidjian, the foundation's lawyer. They are expected to contribute to the defence costs of Trevor Cooper, the animal rights lawyer acting in defence of Saaba.

M Kelidjian said the foundation did not oppose a ban on fighting dogs. "The problem is that the pit bull breed does not exist as such," he said. "It is a mixture and the text of the law is very vague, giving the authorities the right to destroy an animal with a resemblance to a pit bull. It seems a surprising kind of law for you to have in Great Britain."

£200 gold watch sells for £54,500

BY JOHN SHAW

A GOLD pocket watch bought by a stockbroker with £200 of his RAF gratuity after the Second World War sold for £54,500 at Sotheby's in London yesterday. The broker, a former pilot in Coastal Command, was said to be delighted with the sale. He lives in Hertfordshire but wishes to remain anonymous.

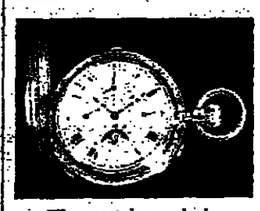
He said: "I bought the watch from a colleague at the Stock Exchange. It cost me £200, part of my service gratuity. It was a lot of money then, probably a year's pay for many people who were working at the Stock Exchange."

The large timepiece, properly known as a minute repeating clockwatch, has a 2½ in diameter face and features a perpetual calendar, a chronograph and moon phases. The multiple function mechanism proved impractical for everyday use and the watch was locked away in a strongbox until recently when the owner decided to take it to Sotheby's.

It was made by Fridlander of Coventry about 1905 and was bought well above the £20,000 estimate, by a London dealer. Tina Miller, Sotheby's watch expert, said: "It made my day. It is very unusual to see something of this quality unexpectedly, especially when the owner had no idea of its true value."

She said the watch had been stored for almost half a century but a thorough clean "should see it working beautifully again".

☐ A rare £500 Bank of England note from 1932 sold for £14,740 at Spinks in London yesterday. It was bought by an English collector. The note was signed by B G Catterns, the chief cashier and came from Liverpool. A Spinks spokeswoman said: "It had everything for the collector, high denomination, good condition and came from a very scarce year.



The watch made in Coventry in 1905

Victim takes out private prosecution after attacker is let off

Rolls-Royce owner hit bus driver

A BUS driver was assaulted by the owner of a Rolls-Royce when he left the man's wife standing at a bus stop, a court was told yesterday. The bus driver, Geoffrey Ward, took out a private prosecution for assault when police let the man off with a caution.

Magistrates in Morley, West Yorkshire, were told that Raymond Thackray, a businessman, raced after the bus in his Rolls-Royce, tried to pull Mr Ward out of his cab by the lapels and hit him in the face before driving off.

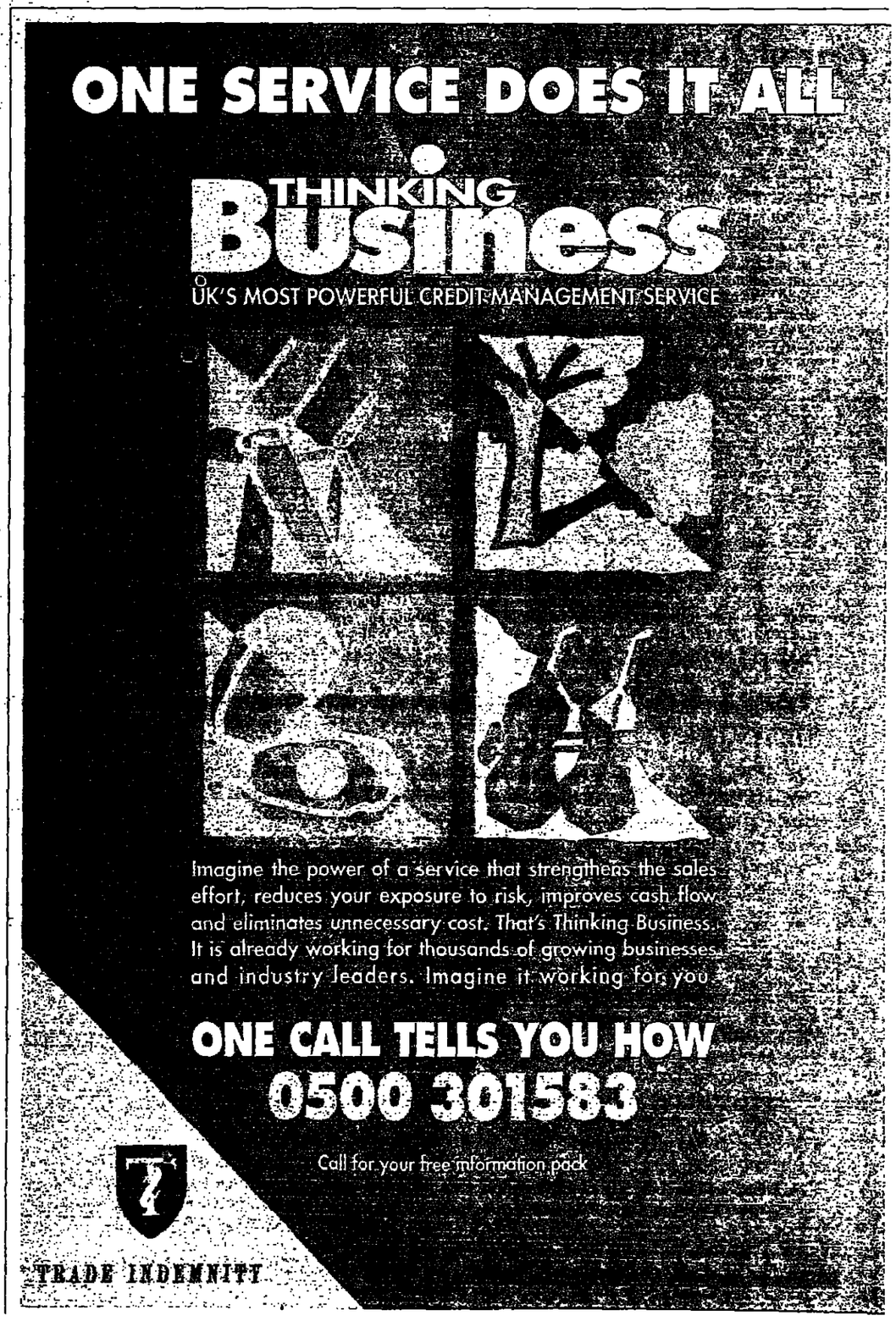
Mr Ward's legal action was backed by his union and by his company, Yorkshire Buses, based in Dewsbury. Thackray, of Woodkirk, West Yorkshire, admitted common assault. He was fined £250 and ordered to pay £800 compensation to Mr Ward and £450 costs.

Nicholas Castle, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Ward, 45, was driving a bus from Dewsbury to Leeds with about 20 passengers. A blue Rolls-Royce with a personalised number-plate overtook and parked near a bus stop. Two women got out and walked towards the stop but they were too late for the bus.

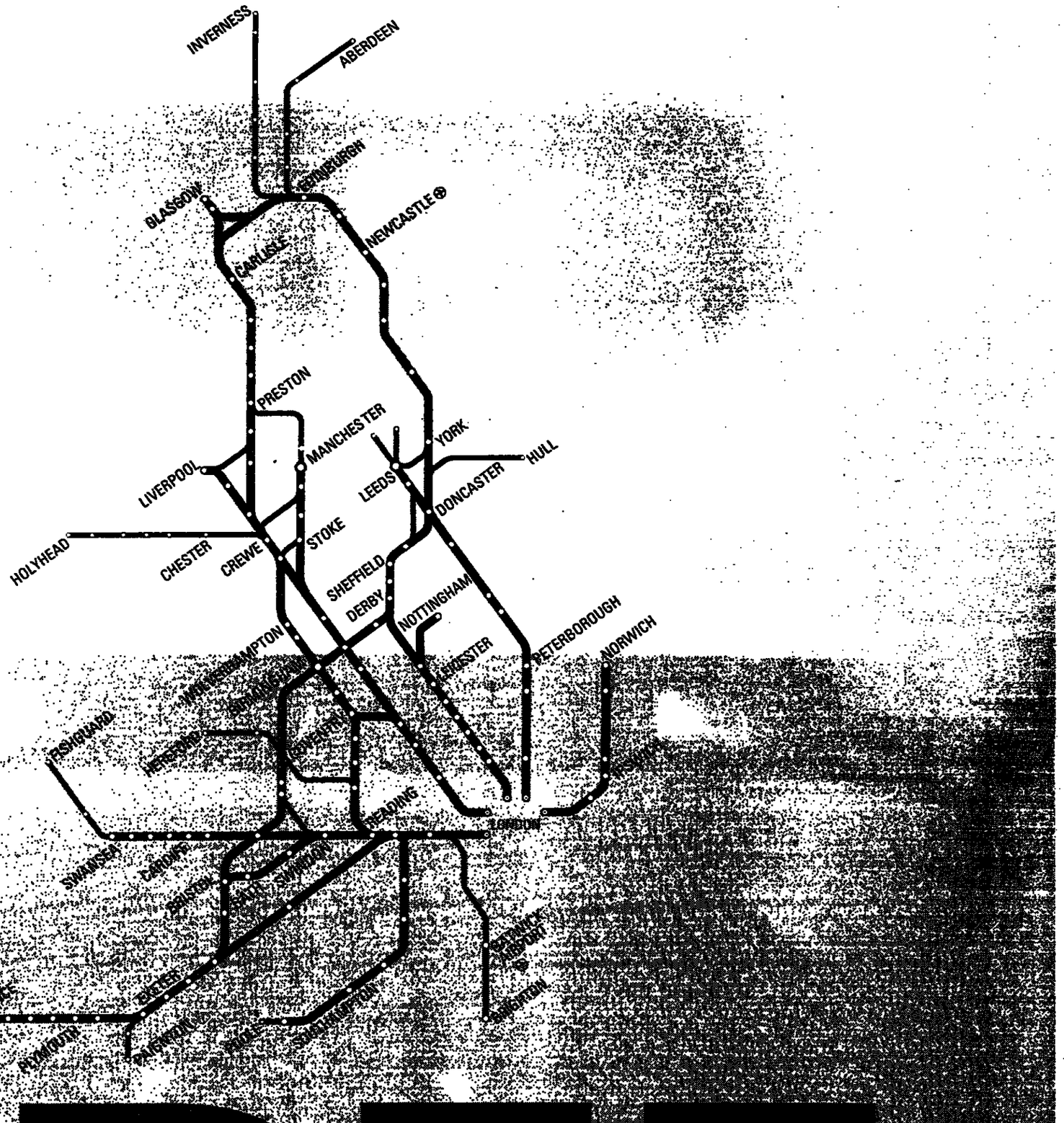
When Mr Ward reached the next stop the Rolls-Royce again overtook him and pulled into the bus lay-by. Mr Castle said: "As he was taking fares the driver suddenly noticed the gentleman who had been driving the Rolls-Royce get out of the vehicle and on to the bus. He grabbed hold of his lapels and arms and tried to pull him from the cab. One passenger tried to intervene and the defendant made as if to get off the bus. Suddenly he turned round and hit the bus driver in the face with his fist. He then got off the bus, got into his car and drove away."

Mr Ward was badly shaken and suffered bruises to his face and arms. He drove the bus to Leeds then saw a doctor and was off work for three weeks. He had difficulty sleeping and was prescribed painkillers.

Joe Carrick, for the defence, said that Mrs Thackray had put out her arm to flag down the bus and her husband became angry when it failed to stop. He accepted that he had lost his temper but denied punching the driver and claimed he had slapped him only with the back of his hand.



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Experts challenged to disprove value of selective schooling

Adviser seeks inquiry into 'failing' comprehensives

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

A SENIOR government education adviser yesterday demanded an inquiry into comprehensive schools to test claims that they continue to produce lower results than a combination of grammar and secondary modern schools.

Dr John Marks, a member of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, published a study last year criticising the performance of many comprehensives. He contrasted poor GCSE results in almost 300 schools with the record in areas that have retained selective schooling.

He told a conference in London yesterday that there was a "moral imperative" to establish whether selection was more effective than a comprehensive system. "This should be not just a matter for the research community, it should be done in an open, democratic fashion in language that can easily be understood."

Other speakers at the conference, organised by the Campaign for State Education, were highly critical of selection. Mike Elliott, head of a primary school in Redbridge, east London, said the 11-plus examination put unacceptable pressures on children, while Tamsyn Imison, head of Hampstead School, north London, said selection led to alienation and a sense of failure for most pupils.



Marks: "Not just a matter for research"

Dr Marks, a longstanding critic of the comprehensive system, challenged its supporters to produce any study to contradict his finding that selective schools achieved 20 per cent better results. "This wasn't because the grammar schools were doing so well; it was because the secondary moderns were actually performing much better than anyone had given them credit for."

He said the comprehensive ideal was founded on the assumption that all schools would be equally good but that proved not to be the case. "I think the changeover to comprehensive schools may have handicapped the education of many of the pupils its was mainly meant to help," he said.

Ms Imison said comprehensive schools were largely responsible for increasing the proportion staying on to sixth form. They had done more than any other part of the education service to develop the curriculum and to bring out the potential in all pupils.

Richard Townsend, head of Dunraven School in Lambeth, south London, said his school had applied to select half of its pupils because it had to compete with neighbouring schools and colleges "creaming off" the most able candidates.

Professor Carol Fitzgibbon, of Newcastle University, who pioneered a system measuring the "value added" in schools, criticised the inspection system, which she described as an outrageous waste of money. She said the methods used by the Office for Standards in Education were "anachronistic and inadequate".

She told the conference that there was no evidence to suggest that Ofsted accurately measured the quality of education and the institution needed re-examining. Attention had focused on the search for "failing schools" but the Newcastle system, adopted by more than 1,000 schools, had demonstrated that almost all had good and bad departments.

Professor Fitzgibbon criticised Ofsted for relying on the evidence of inspectors who watched lessons and took too little account of results. "If you want to know whether a teacher is teaching, you measure the achievements of their pupils," she said.



MARTIN KEENE, PA

Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. The Prince of Wales did not attend the service for Mrs Parker Bowles's mother

Prince's envoys at Shand memorial

CAMILLA Parker Bowles, friend of the Prince of Wales, made a rare public appearance with her husband yesterday at a memorial service for Mrs Parker Bowles's mother.

Mrs Parker Bowles, 47, sat with Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, their daughter Laura and son Tom for the 35-minute service of hymns and prayers for Rosalind Shand, who died in July at the age of 73.

The Prince of Wales did not attend but sent as his official representatives the Earl and Countess of Shelburne. Mrs Parker Bowles and Charles have been frequent guests at the Shelburne's home at Bowood House, near Calne, Wiltshire.

More than 250 people packed St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, for the service. They included former Home Secretary Lord Howe and his wife, Elspeth.

Mrs Parker Bowles arrived separately from her husband and strode into the church through a throng of photographers. Afterwards she was driven away while Brigadier Parker Bowles left on foot with Laura and Tom.

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Footballer 'burnt to death by love rival'

A TALENTED young footballer died after suffering 95 per cent burns when two men doused him in flammable liquid and set him on fire in a row over a woman, Chester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Ryan Keen, 20, a semi-professional player with North West Counties League side Nantwich Town, died 12 hours after scoring a winning goal. He had earlier been involved in a confrontation over a woman he had been seeing, and neighbours of a house in Nantwich, Cheshire, heard screaming.

Then they saw Mr Keen in the street outside "naked apart from one shoe and his socks", said Mr Anthony Evans, QC, for the prosecution. "He was dreadfully burnt," he said.

Barry Oliver, 30, a window cleaner, of Nantwich, and Andrew Card, 32, a roofer, of Crewe, deny murdering Mr Keen in February. The court was told that Mr Keen had formed a relationship with Mr Card's former girlfriend.

Mr Evans said: "Mr Keen's body was soaked in accelerant and set alight so that he was flaming until the fire was put out." The only part of Mr Keen's body which was not burnt was the sole of one foot. He died later in hospital.

The court was told that Mr Card and Mr Oliver were in the street at the time. Mr Oliver was bare from the waist up and had burns to his hands and forearms.

The trial continues.

Owner of BMW may hold clue to murder

THE owner of a metallic blue BMW car seen parked outside the Grantham home of Julie Pacey, 34, just before she was found dead in the bathroom by her 14-year-old daughter, was being sought by police last night.

Lincolnshire police said a witness had come forward to reveal that Mrs Pacey had been seen driving a car that was not her own in the days before her death. The same car, which is not known to the family, was in her drive an hour before she was found strangled.

There were no signs of a struggle inside the house and nothing was stolen, but Mrs Pacey's underwear and tights were around her knees when she was discovered. Police believe she may have known her killer.

Det Chief Insp Graham White said: "The family are unable to help us as to who owns the car or what Julie was likely to have been doing when she was seen driving it. So we are very, very anxious to find out who the owner of that vehicle is."

Det Supt Roger Billingsley said Mrs Pacey was last seen alive when she left her parents' Grantham home at 2pm on September 26.

Mr Pacey, a plumber, and their children, Helen and Matthew, 11, have been staying with relatives. Two days ago Helen retraced her journey home in an attempt to remember if she had seen the killer.

An evening with Archbishop Tutu



DURING Nelson Mandela's imprisonment, Archbishop Desmond Tutu became the voice of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. He will share his experience of life under oppression and the birth of South African democracy at a *Times*/Dillons Forum, introduced by Terry Waite, on Monday, October 24, at 7.30pm at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1. Archbishop Tutu will sign copies of *The Rainbow People of God* afterwards.

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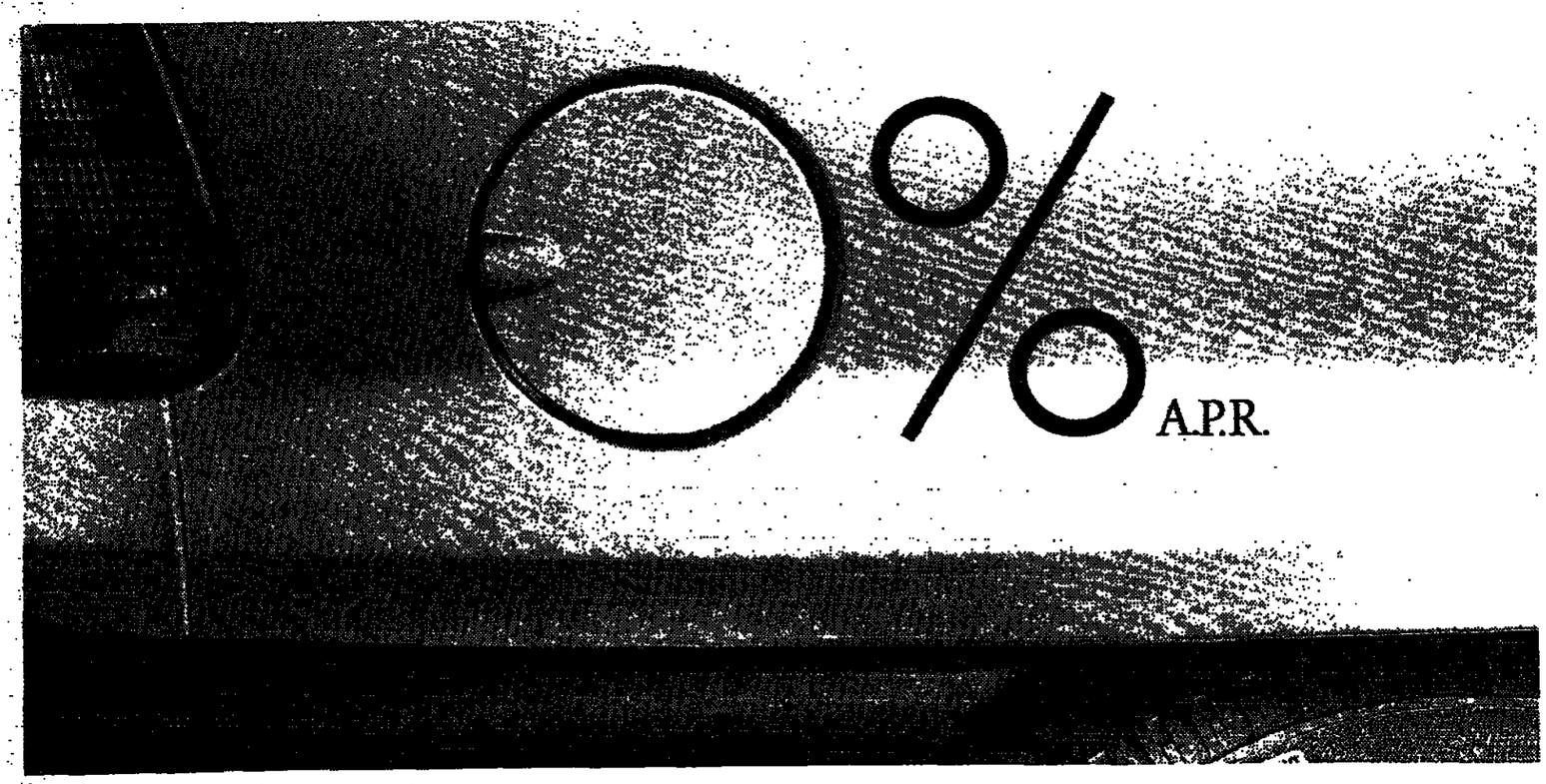
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Labour seeks 999 inquiry into why girl was left dying

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

LABOUR called for an independent inquiry yesterday into why a dying girl had to wait almost an hour for an ambulance to take her to hospital. Nasima Begum, 11, lay in agony with a kidney condition as her family pleaded with ambulance control staff four times for help.

Under the Patient's Charter an ambulance should be guaranteed within 14 minutes, but because of a shortage of staff and vehicles at the London Ambulance Service in June, the girl had to wait 53 minutes before help arrived.

She died three-and-a-half hours later at the Royal London Hospital, which is little more than three minutes away by ambulance from her home in east London.

Dawn Primarolo, a shadow health spokeswoman, said the delay was completely unacceptable from a service which was in "near chaos".

The incident exposed "fundamental weaknesses in the system, which immediately must be addressed if another tragedy is to be avoided". She called for a full and independent inquiry into what went wrong.

Tom Sackville, a junior health minister, agreed that the wait was "disgraceful and unacceptable". He added: "The incompetence which led to a delay of almost an hour is astonishing."

An internal investigation had been carried out and disciplinary action had been taken against the ambulance control operator.

Mr Sackville said 180 new ambulances would be in service in the capital by next year.

Nasima's family's desperate attempts to get an ambulance to their home from the Waterloo base can be heard on a 999 tape recording which was given to them by the London Ambulance Service. Nasima can be heard screaming in pain in the background.

An internal investigation at the ambulance service disclosed that there was a lack of ambulances on the night Nasima fell ill, June 19. Mistakes by staff were said to have contributed to the crisis.

The ambulance service said that Nasima's case was "very sad and regrettable". A spokesman said the family had been involved in an inquiry into the incident and that the taped calls for help had been passed to them at their request. A copy of the inquiry report was given to the family in July.

Since Nasima's death, the service had taken on 100 more operations staff. A further 140 were being trained and would start work next year.

Dr Roger Harris, Nasima's consultant, said she had a kidney condition which was not normally fatal but could be if there was a complication. He told *Today* newspaper that she had suffered a rare complication which needed to be treated within 20 minutes.



William Proctor was gassed serving with the Cheshires in the First World War; in 1989 he met the Prince of Wales during regimental celebrations

End of life that began year Gordon fell at Khartoum

BY ANDREW PIERCE

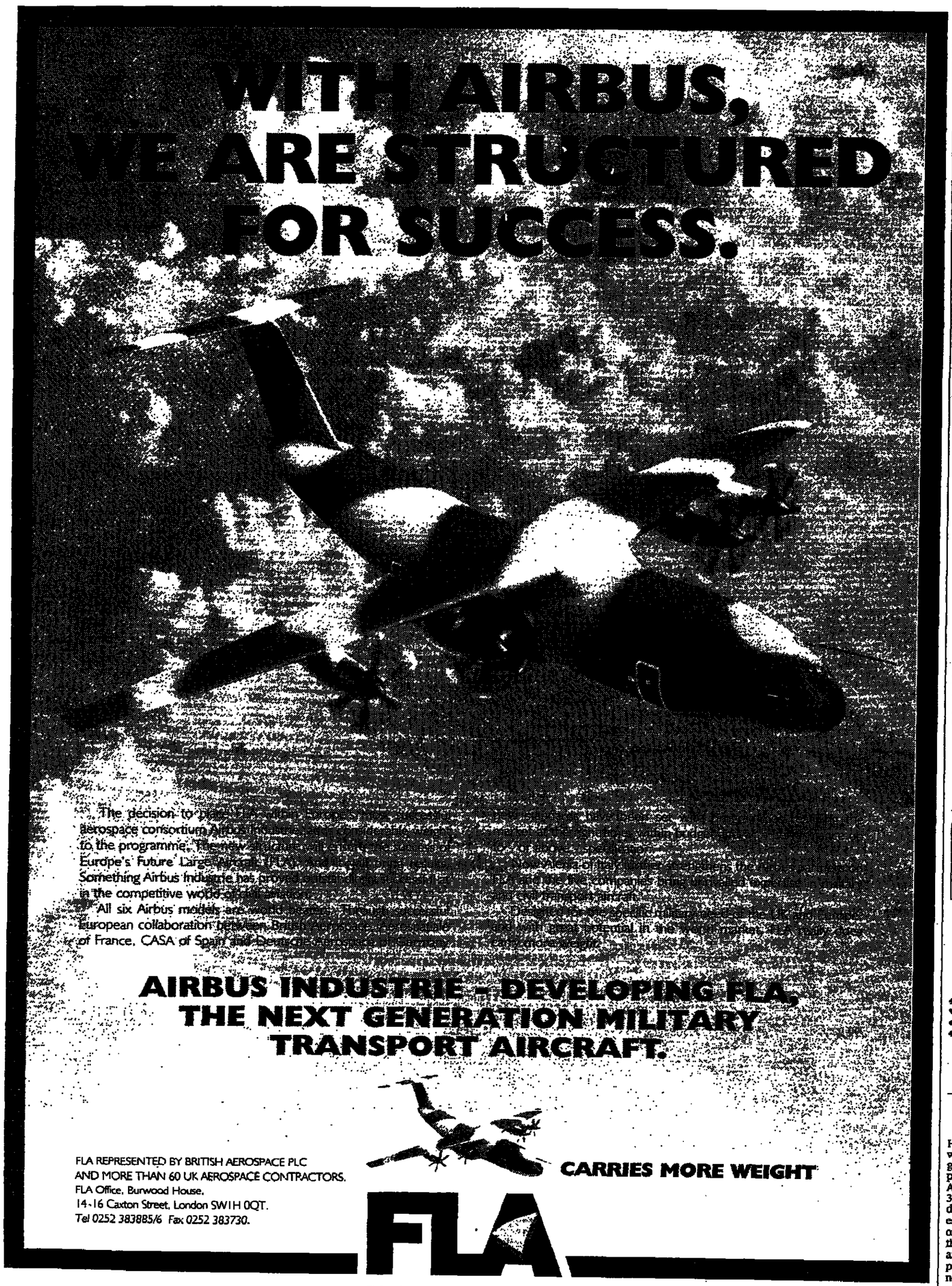
BRITAIN'S oldest man, William Proctor, who served in the First World War and remembered seeing Queen Victoria, died yesterday, aged 109.

Mr Proctor, who was born on June 29, 1885, served in the Cheshire Regiment. He was wounded during the Battle of the Somme and gassed in the trenches. He passed away at a his nursing home in the Wirral, Merseyside.

In the year of his birth, General Gordon of Khartoum was killed, Britain was beginning to use electric lighting, and Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* opened. In the year Mr Proctor celebrated his 10th birthday Oscar Wilde was sentenced to two years' hard labour for homosexual offences.

Mr Proctor lived with his granddaughter, June Stephens, from 1963 until he moving to the Derwent Lodge home six years ago. A boilermaker, his one child died in 1958. His wife died about 50 years ago. Mrs Stephens, 60, said yesterday: "When you've had them so long, you miss them all the more. He was *proud to be the oldest man* — he couldn't believe he had lived so long."

Only days before he died, Mr Proctor sang hymns to residents at the nursing home. Anne McMullan, the matron, said: "He was quite a character. We will miss him."



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Car insurance firms buy homing devices

INSURANCE companies are offering two million high-risk drivers a free high-technology security device worth hundreds of pounds to cut claims for car theft (Kevin Eason writes).

Thirty insurers have told the AA that they will subsidise the fitting of the Tracker device, which costs up to £375 and sends out homing beams to police cars. The deal is for drivers who pay more than £600 a year in premiums, mainly owners of performance or luxury models.

Mark Wood, of AA Insurance, said: "It is not so much a question of insurers being generous but the fact that they know that Tracker results in reduced claims for damage and theft."

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Staunton memorial

The only British chess master who could lay claim to being world champion of his day was Howard Staunton (1810-1874). He was a Shakespearean scholar and educationist and organised the first international chess tournament, held in London in 1851 to coincide with the Great Exhibition.

In progress at the Burlington Cafe in Chiswick House grounds, London, is the Staunton memorial international chess tournament. The players include former British international Michael Franklin, international master Andrew Whiteley and Barry Martin, Chelsea Arts Club team captain. In this first-round game Black won with a powerful kingside attack, after White's queen was lured from the main battlefield to capture a pawn on the flank.

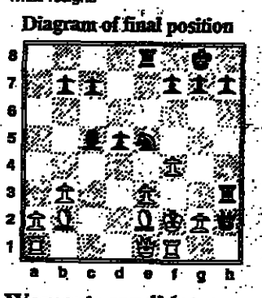
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White resigns

Diagram of final position



Women's candidates

In the women's candidates in Tilburg, Holland, Zsuzsa Polgar (Hungary) and Maia Chiburdanidze (Georgia) tied for first place, both scoring 10.5 points out of 16. They will play-off to decide who challenges the women's world champion Xie Jun in 1995.

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THE TIMES BRIDGE

BY JOHN GRAHAM

Dealer South **East-West vul**

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High-level bidding contests, with both sides going for game, are the tie-breaks, the penalty shoot-outs of bridge. Above, with spades breaking 3-3, South easily made his doubled game when two ruffs established the suit. His second-round pass followed by the introduction of a new suit at the five level — known in poker as a check-raise — may not be to everyone's taste, but was less lunatic than it appears.

He saw little hope of defeating four hearts, and if partner had nothing in diamonds he could always "correct" to five spades. In fact, even five hearts can only be beaten if South leads the ace and another spade. Any other opening lead and East-West make five hearts.

West felt aggrieved. He had ignored the old rule that in close, volatile situations it is usually right to bid one more, but with K-Q-J of declarer's first suit, ace of trumps, a side ace and partner bidding strongly, did he do something wrong when he doubled?

Man jailed for hoax calls over Abbie abduction

BY EMMA WILKINS

A MAN who wasted police time by falsely claiming his wife had kidnapped Abbie Humphries was jailed for four months yesterday.

Adrian Brookes, 36, from Gloucester, admitted making a series of misleading telephone calls which set back the search for the infant by three days. His claims raised and then dashed the hopes of Abbie's parents, Karen and Roger Humphries.

During the hearing before Nottingham magistrates, Brookes said: "I am absolutely disgusted with myself for the pain I have caused to Mr and Mrs Humphries. I am absolutely ashamed of myself and I am extremely sorry."

The baby, who was taken from a maternity ward by a woman dressed as a nurse, was found after 15 days. Julie Kelley, 23, from Nottingham, has been committed for trial.

Peter Nuttall, the stipendiary magistrate, said Brookes's actions had increased the anxiety of Abbie's parents and had a devastating effect on the police investigation. "I believe your behaviour was wicked and calculated and quite deliberate," he said.

Brookes, a former care worker, used the name "Gary" in a series of telephone calls which began four days after Abbie was abducted from the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, on July 1. A total of 225 hours were lost by Nottinghamshire police investigating the calls and a further 593 hours were wasted by Gloucestershire officers on surveillance operations.

Brookes telephoned a crime programme within hours of a television appeal for Abbie's safe return, saying his wife had taken the baby. He later claimed he had been depressed after his wife Teresa left him.



Brookes: depressed after his wife left

ROBIN MAYES



Jamie McKendrick reads from his published poetry in Covent Garden

Britain's poetic voices struggle to be heard

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

"WHAT'S he on about?" the Covent Garden shopper asked her companion shortly before the performance poet from Manchester was asked to keep his voice down.

Had they stopped to find out, the women would have found themselves taking part in one of the nationwide activities organised yesterday for Britain's first National Poetry Day.

Its impact was even less noticeable at Waterloo Station, where the words "trolley buffet service" appeared to grab more public attention than the various poems displayed next to the destination board. During 20 hectic minutes at lunchtime, not a single person gave the board more than a fleeting glance despite the presence of Roger McGough's *Waving at Trains* alongside the departure information.

Undaunted, poets up and down the country took part in official events. Poems were recited at Speakers' Corner, they were painted on the outside of Bradford Library and distributed in supermarkets.

Established names, such as Ted Hughes, came together with beginners, such as the pupils of a Hertfordshire school who handed their poems to commuters on the Berkhamsted to Euston line.

The Dial-A-Poem service set up by Northampton Central Library was inundated with calls from people asking for poems they half-remembered learning at school. Some recited the lines that stayed with them, hoping the librarians could complete the rest.

Colin Eaton, a librarian, said a call had been taken from a woman who had long tried to locate a poem she had once heard. After reciting some 20 lines, her efforts were rewarded — it was *The Dane Tree* by Alfred Noyes.

Braver souls were giving ten-minute readings in Covent Garden, among them the Manchester-based Lenn Sissay — he of the loud voice.

Poems that went down best with his audience lasted less than a minute, delivered at breakneck speed: "On buying her flowers she said/ 'There's no food in the kitchen/ and we can't eat flowers'/ On buying her food she said/ 'You don't buy flowers any more'."

Graeme Parsons, a banker, applauded the attempt to make poetry more accessible. He said that he occasionally read poetry, but was honest enough to admit that he did so "mainly because I feel I ought to, not because I want to".

In Scotland, Marks and Spencer was distributing a series of six poetry postcards, written for the event by Scottish poets, at the tills. One by Tom Pow summed up the essence of National Poetry Day. It's title: *Go and grab it, it's free.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl's life 'wiped out' by council blunder

A teenage girl who asked her local council to clean her new flat returned to find workmen had emptied it of everything she owned and dumped it on the tip. Bradford council thought Jill Naylor, 17, had asked them to clear the flat she moved into two weeks ago.

Ms Naylor, who is pregnant, said: "My whole past life has been wiped out." She lost all her clothing, kitchen equipment and furniture, as well as personal belongings.

The council, which has admitted the mistake, has made an interim payment of £100 for clothes.

Libel damages

Detective Sergeant Douglas Dodds won substantial libel settlements in the High Court over articles in the NUJ union paper *The Journalist* and the *St Ives and Huntingdon Town Crier* about his arrest of a reporter during a political rally in Peterborough.

Athlete cleared

Michael Fibbens, 26, an Olympic swimmer of Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire, was cleared by Southwark Crown Court of assaulting Faros Ahmed, 31, a car park attendant, in an argument over the cleaning of his car.

Council tax

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Liberal Democrat member of North Devon District Council over community charge payments. Simon Baldwin, 30, has denied any knowledge of an outstanding payment.

Girl impaled

Charlotte Stevens, 13, was recovering in hospital after slipping while climbing a cemetery fence in Shaw, Berkshire, and impaling her leg on an iron railing. Firemen took her to hospital with the spike embedded in her thigh.

Students burnt

Six University of Ulster students were injured, two seriously, when a fire swept through their accommodation, a semi-detached house, at Portstewart, Co Londonderry.

Transplant patients say new computer donor scheme is useless

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A COMPUTERISED register of organ donors, which would immediately inform surgeons, hospitals and bereaved families that a person wished to donate organs in the event of their death, was launched by the Government yesterday.

But the scheme has been dismissed as "old hat and a retrograde step" by a leading patients' organisation. Elizabeth Ward, president of the British Kidney Patient Association, said it would prove just as ineffectual as the existing donor card system, depriving thousands of patients of life-saving operations. She said the Government should have copied the Belgian opt-out scheme, which presumes that everyone is an organ donor unless they register otherwise.

Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, said the computerised register would lead to an increase in the number of organs available for transplant.

Last year 3,000 organs were donated but there remained 5,600 people waiting for a kidney, heart, liver or other organ. The new computerised service remains a voluntary scheme in which people will be recruited to the register when they apply for or renew their driving licences.

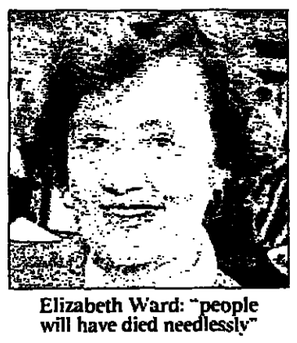
But Mrs Ward, who was instrumental in launching the donor card scheme more than 20 years ago, said the new service failed to understand the psychology of the British public. "We are great at responding to appeals for famine disasters, plagues and war but useless at responding to other people's plights on a day-to-day basis," she said.

Mrs Ward said the failure of voluntary computerised registers had been demonstrated by pilot schemes in Manchester and Wales. "It will take a very long time for the Government to find out that this new scheme does not work. I hate to think how many people will have then died needlessly," she said.

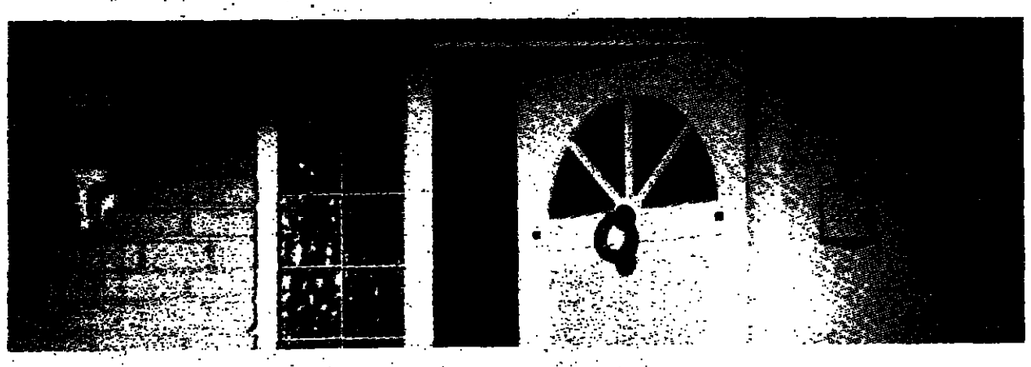
Mrs Ward said Gallup surveys had shown that 75 per cent of the public were in favour of organ donation. She said it would have been cheaper to set up a computerised register of the 15 per cent of "dissenters". But Mr Sackville said Britain had a voluntary tradition in terms of donating blood and organs for medicine and that this should be maintained. He said organ donation was a subject which needed to be handled sensitively otherwise the whole area could be discredited.

Organ donation should be seen "as a gift to help others" rather than a requirement of the state, Mr Sackville said.

The card scheme is widely viewed as having failed, with less than a fifth of the population picking one up and fewer carrying them. At the same time there has been a dramatic success in transplant surgery over the past 15 years, accompanied by a sharp drop in car-accident fatalities, the main source of organs.



Elizabeth Ward: "people will have died needlessly"



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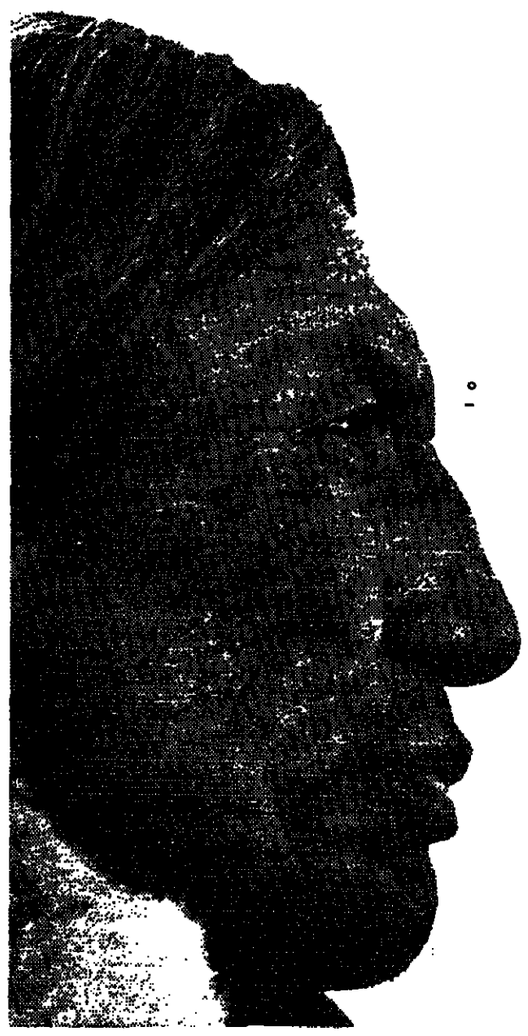
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Trade unions face new onslaught on voting power

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



LABOUR'S national executive is to launch a fresh assault on trade-union influence in the party later this month by moving to reduce further the unions' voting power at conference.

John Prescott's announcement today that membership has reached 300,000 will bring into play a rule allowing the National Executive Committee to change the present balance of voting, which remains heavily in favour of the unions.

Larry Whitty, the party's general secretary, is to recommend an immediate review of conference voting when the NEC meets later this month. The move will add to fears that Mr Blair is intent on much wider change to the party's constitution than Clause Four.

At present the trade unions hold 70 per cent of the conference vote, leaving constituency parties and MPs with only 30 per cent. Last year the conference approved a rule change that gives the NEC powers to reduce the unions' share to 50 per cent once membership rises above 300,000. Trade unions are already warning Mr Blair not to move too swiftly as he may need their support to push through changes opposed by constituency party activists.

Senior party sources said that if Mr Blair went ahead, he could cut the union vote by 30 per cent as early as 1996. But they pointed out that he would risk another damaging conflict with the unions in the run-up to the next general election, so was likely to proceed more gradually.

The rule change, which was barely noticed last year amid the row over the one-member one-vote reforms, allows the NEC to set a new formula which could link reductions to membership figures, possibly a 5 per cent reduction for every 30,000 new members. Any change would have to be approved by the annual conference next year.

Trade unions are also concerned that Mr Blair will try to push for further changes in trade-union influence in leadership elections and elections to the NEC.

Today Mr Prescott will announce a new drive to boost mass membership in the party and launch a new political-education initiative. The conference is expected to back a resolution tabled by Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency to widen cut-price membership schemes throughout the country. Mr Prescott will also disclose plans to consult the Labour movement over the redrafting of the party's constitution.

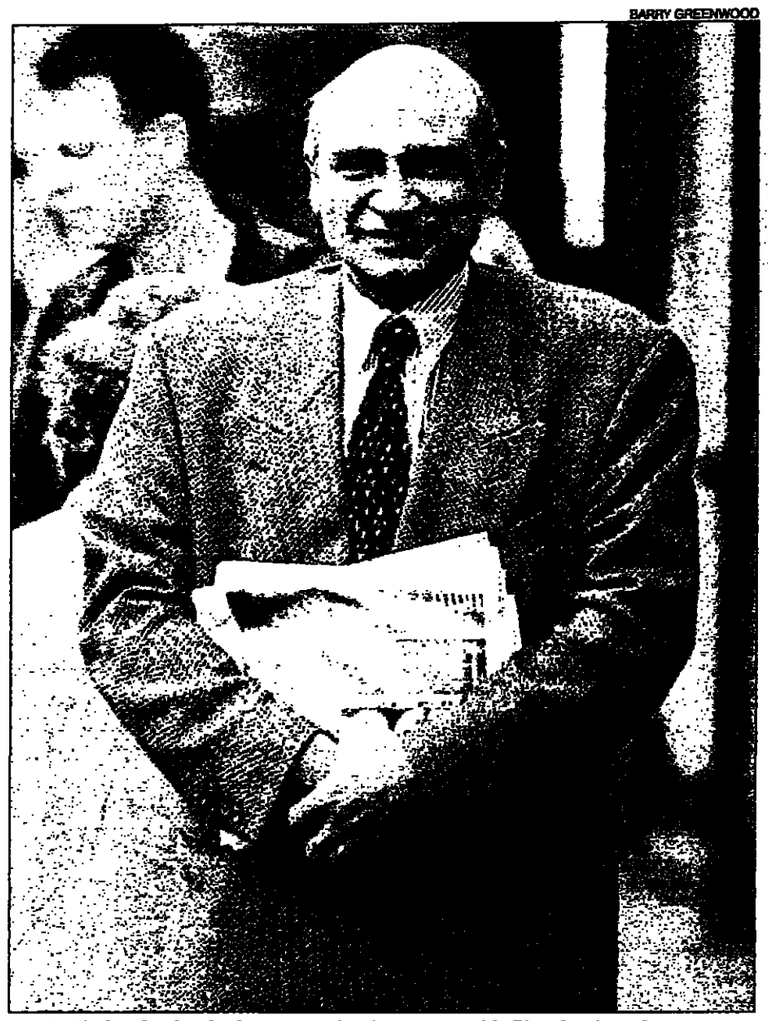
Leading leftwingers are relying on John Prescott to stop Mr Blair from going too far in his attempts to abolish Clause Four. They have been assured that the deputy leader has a veto on any new statement and is committed to public ownership in some form.

Hardliners want the statement to ensure that the party is still committed to public ownership of key public utilities. Others such as Peter Hain, MP for Neath, would be happy with a clause calling for public ownership "where appropriate at national, regional or local level," and a drive to spreading ownership through co-operatives and employee share ownerships.

Members of the Campaign group, the Tribune group and the new What's Left group are now lining up with trade unionists to present a united flank against Mr Blair's attempts to transform the party.

Gerald Kaufman's rival spells out danger of ignoring ethnic minorities

BARRY GREENWOOD



Mr Shahzad, who denies claims that he organised infiltration into the party

Party risks losing blacks and Asians

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Asian politician accused of trying to unseat Gerald Kaufman has warned Labour it faces an exodus of black and Asian members if it continues to block the political ambitions of Britain's ethnic minorities.

Ahmad Shahzad, who unsuccessfully challenged Mr Kaufman for the candidacy in Manchester Gorton, said Asian activists stood almost no chance of being selected for safe seats where local parties were controlled by white members.

"The Asian and black communities are crying out for more representation," he said. "And if they don't get it they will join the other parties, like the Jewish community 50 years ago. There is a real danger for the Labour Party here."

Asians were often reluctant to approach their white Labour MPs because of language difficulties and cultural differences. "There is a lot of disillusion and apathy."

Mr Shahzad has been accused by local party officials of trying to infiltrate the Manchester Gorton party by signing up hundreds of Asian members, allegations that he has vehemently denied.

However, he has urged Asians to join Labour and use party procedures to achieve greater representation, including the deselection of sitting white MPs they feel are not representing Asian community interests.

"I say that if the MP is not doing a good job, their constituents should have the chance to deselect him," he said. He also called for Labour to try to increase the number of black and Asian MPs by introducing a quota system.

Mr Shahzad, a former Brent councillor who lives in London, said he had been approached by Asian Manchester party members because of his political experience. He had nothing against Mr Kaufman.

Asians are among the most active workers for Labour in the North West and Midlands. They have gained strong representation on city councils but have failed to secure more than a handful of parliamentary candidacies.

Labour officials believe that many inner-city seats are vulnerable to organised attempts to deselect sitting MPs and replace them with Asians. Rule changes introduced at the conference this week will make it easier for the party to expel members involved in infiltration. But under the new one-member one-vote rules adopted for the selection of MPs it is legitimate for candidates to recruit members to boost their support in selection meetings.

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Blunkett alleges three-tier NHS

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Blunkett published evidence yesterday of a "three-tier health service" which he claimed was forcing patients to choose between different standards of treatment.

The shadow Health Secretary used a letter from a Sheffield dentist to underline his claim that the government plans to pare down the National Health Service. The letter offers patients "basic government care" with a one-year guarantee on NHS dental work of an "adequate standard". But it also offered two more expensive categories: independent treatments, offering "very high" standards "which look good" and are guaranteed for three years; and private treatments, of "extremely high" standard "which look great" and carry a five-year warranty.

Mr Blunkett told the conference that the changes in dentistry and family doctor services were indicative of the government's intention to remove free medical services. It planned to close more hospitals as it "commercialised and privatised" the health service, he said, and he claimed that ministers were "redefining" the service to push it ever closer to the private sector.

Labour would set aside the "waste, nepotism and incompetence" of the present management and put the patient first, he said. It would end multi-tier health care which depended on how much a patient was prepared to pay.

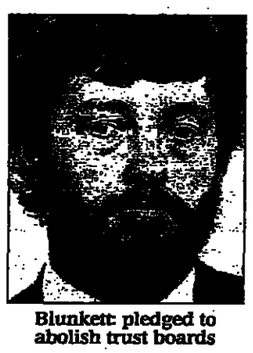
Although he insisted that unaccountable trust boards would be abolished, he did not indicate whether Labour would give responsibility for managing hospitals to health authorities or to local authorities, an issue which is currently being considered by the party.

Mr Blunkett also challenged Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, to abandon "bogus" waiting list statistics and publish accurate figures. He accused her of calculating waiting times on "fiddled figures" and said that she should introduce an honest structure.

He told delegates that the current system of compiling outpatient waiting times did not include the period between a patient seeing a GP and having the hospital appointment arranged. He published a letter telling an Oxford patient that, although she would wait 15 months before an appointment was arranged, this would not show in official figures "as you are not actually recorded on the administration system. This happens when you receive your appointment."

He also referred to a Health Department report which he said showed that ministers were more interested in creating a business based on hospital trusts than in treating patients.

In a debate on the health service, Charlotte Atkins, of the public service union Unison, condemned the Government's health service reforms. "Services are cut, beds are closing and jobs are lost. Waiting lists are at an all-time high and over one million people are waiting for treatment."



Blunkett: pledged to abolish trust boards

Straw goes on attack over Tory crime record

BY ROBERT MORGAN

JACK STRAW, the Shadow Environment secretary, sought to reinforce Labour's claim to have taken over as the party of law and order with a sweeping indictment of the Government's record.

The Tories, the so-called party of law and order, had turned much of Britain into a no go area, he told the conference yesterday. They had produced a "chilling familiarity" with crime in everyone so that in some areas it was a surprise if your car was not broken into.

"They have made crime so unexceptional that much of it now passes without comment or investigation," he said. "Never mind the enabling state, this Government cannot even manage the night-watchman state."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had told the Tory conference last year that life in prison should not be a picnic. Today life for notorious criminals and terrorists was not a picnic, but a banquet, Mr Straw declared.

What example did Tory minsters think that they were setting to the young when they turned public interest into private gain, when they turned a blind eye to insider dealing and to the homes for votes scandal in Westminster?

Delegates passed a resolution condemning "the complete failure of the Conservatives to combat crime" and backing Labour's fight against the Criminal Justice Bill. The resolution also called on the next Labour government to make racial harassment and violence specific offences and recommended that a justice department be set up in place of the Lord Chancellor's department.

'It is still the old Labour'

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

GOVERNMENT ministers last night seized on a series of conference setbacks for Tony Blair in Blackpool to claim that his attempts to modernise Labour were in disarray.

Capitalising on a rebuff for the leadership over Clause Four of the Labour constitution and a defeat for the Labour leader over defence, they said the new-look Labour team was a sham and would not threaten the Government at the next general election.

Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative party chairman, insisted that Labour did not want to change and was not fit to govern. "Tony Blair tries to talk about new Labour. We have seen, in vote after vote, his party will have none of it," Mr Hanley said.

"It is still the old Labour Party, the party of unilateral nuclear disarmament, the party of state ownership, the party that refuses to redefine socialism as Mr Blair pretends he can."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, accused Mr Blair of selling "political cornflakes". He denied that the Government had run out of steam and said: "It is in the grasp of the Conservative Party to win the election quite comfortably when it comes."

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Mr Clarke accused Labour of "Clinton-esque politics, and fighting phoney wars" against the party's hard left. "It is fun for a week of party conferences. It isn't the reality of politics. And we do have policies, not all of them are popular. Actually, the Government in power does know what it is doing and we have to demonstrate to people that we will do it."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, attacked Labour's approach to law and order, claiming it was the "political confidence trick of the year". He issued a statement saying that no amount of rhetoric could disguise Labour's "disgraceful" record on crime.

"Their spokesmen claim to be tough on crime but in the House of Commons they have consistently voted against crucial measures to strengthen the powers of the police and courts," he said.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, criticised her shadow, David Blunkett, in a statement. "To Mr Blunkett, a National Health Service must be nationally controlled and nationally commanded at any expense," she said.

'Fifteen years of Conservative rule has convinced us that capitalism is evil'

Left clinches vote to embarrass Blair over Clause Four

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ROBERT MORGAN

THE conference vote that resulted yesterday in Tony Blair's first big setback as Labour leader was so close that four counts were needed.

After a highly charged debate, delegates defied Mr Blair's attempt to tear up the party's constitution, voting by 50.9 per cent to 49.1 per cent in support of the commitment to nationalisation contained in Clause Four.

The embarrassing defeat followed unsuccessful efforts by the leadership to dissuade those moving the motion from taking it to a vote.

Trade unionists lined up with left-wing activists to serve warning that they would not be rolled over in Mr Blair's pursuit of modernisation. Two of the biggest unions, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the public service union Unison, led the revolt.

The debate gave many delegates their first opportunity to publicly vent their anger since the Labour leader announced on Tuesday that he would redraft the party's constitution. It also prompted a strong attack on Mr Blair from a Labour MP. David Winnick, MP for Walsall North, castigated him for trying to change party policy "on the beach" during his holiday in France, where the leader is said to have decided on the change.

One of the few speakers opposing the motion, Alan Johnson, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said Labour should be fighting elections on policies "not shibboleths". The Post Office had been in the public sector for 300 years and his members were still waiting for the fruits of their labour. Clause Four was irrelevant to them.

Although many delegates on Tuesday seemed to support Mr Blair in the interests of party unity, yesterday most sang a different tune. Several speakers argued that Clause Four was the bedrock of the party's socialist foundations and could not be abandoned. They warned Mr Blair of the dangers of pitching the party into a damaging internal debate.

Jim Mearns, from Glasgow Maryhill, described the words of Clause Four "as a symbol of our commitment to the working class and a succinct statement of our core philosophy". Public ownership was right for the railways, the Post Office, and the public utilities.

"I am sick of hearing that socialism is dead or dying," he said. "Socialism is very much alive and we are striding forward with victory in sight. Fifteen years of Tory rule has convinced us that capitalism is evil and based on the exploitation of the poor, the weak, the young and the old," he said. "Lets be tough on capitalism and tough on the causes of capitalism."

Calling for a card vote on the motion, which the NEC had asked to be remitted, Mr Mearns urged delegates to give their support. "Let's do it. We should raise the scarlet standard high and keep the red flag flying here."

Mr Winnick, MP for Walsall North, made a passionate plea for the party not be drawn into a debate on the issue over the next 12 months. "I can remember in 1959 and 1960 we were told that unless we deleted Clause Four we would never win another election and we won in 1964, 1966 and twice in 1974 with Clause Four intact. We win when we have confidence in ourselves."

The Tories meeting in Bournemouth next week would not be apologising for capitalism. "Tony Blair said we shouldn't apologise for our socialism. You are absolutely right. Some of us have never started apologising."

He went on: "If I may say so with the greatest respect to our leader — sometimes ideas which come during a holiday season on the beach are not necessarily the best ideas. So I say to Tony, I say to the national executive, let's drop this nonsense."

Mr Blair was backed, however, by Denis MacShane, MP for Rotherham, who urged delegates not to "jump into opposing trenches to start shelling each other". "We are a party of the people and not a cult of Clause Four," he said.

Larry Whitty, outgoing general secretary of the party, replying for the National Executive Committee, said Clause Four had been put into the constitution as part of the "fix" at the 1918 conference where members had ranged from Bolshevik supporters to those further to the right of the modern party. He called for a subtler approach to common ownership and said the party should learn from the past. "Top down socialism very rarely works."

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THE HEAD ..... AND THE HEART.

Leaders defeated over Trident

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR activists completed their ritual conference defeat of the party leadership over nuclear disarmament yesterday by voting to scrap Trident and reduce defence spending to the Western European average.

Delegates voted with a 54 per cent majority, which is almost identical to last year's result. It is unlikely, however, to have any impact on Labour policy. Party officials played down the significance of the vote, pointing out that the conference had also approved a National Executive Committee statement supported by the leadership calling for "mutual, balanced and verifiable reduction in nuclear and conventional weapons".

In addition a motion calling for a "comprehensive defence review", proposed by the engineering and electrical union AEEU and also backed by the leadership, was passed on a show of hands.

The votes followed a debate on Wednesday afternoon during which the party hierarchy was attacked for allowing the defence contractor GEC Marconi Avionics to host a reception attended by NEC members. Steve Cowan, an activist from Southall, condemned senior party figures "who shake hands with those who make profits out of war".

Railway recovery could be delayed

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR made clear last night that its plans to take the railways back into public ownership will be delayed to avoid increasing the party's spending commitments.

Party leaders indicated that the renationalisation might not be completed in Labour's first term of office.

Tony Blair is anxious that the policy should not have serious spending implications for an incoming Labour government. The party leader and John Prescott, his deputy, have agreed that the reversal of rail privatisation should be implemented gradually.

Instead of buying back franchises for running the railways, the party would allow contracts to run their full course but would not renew them. Franchises would be terminated if companies failed to meet agreed standards. The Conservatives have not yet disclosed how long franchises will last but it is likely that, in order to attract private investment, they will extend beyond the five-year term of the next government.

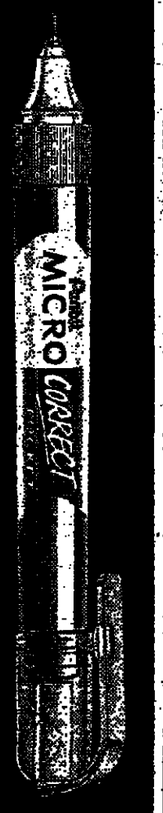
However, Labour believes that the prospect of a change of government pledged to renationalisation is likely to deter many companies from bidding to take over regional rail services.

Frank Dobson, the shadow Transport Secretary, had implied in his conference speech that the programme could be completed within the first term of a Labour government. He told cheering delegates: "The next Labour government will reverse the break-up and privatisation of Britain's railways. We will bring the railway system back into public ownership and control."

Mr Dobson said privatisation would mean job losses, poorer services, and a decline in safety standards. Privatisation was "so stupid that even Tories have called it a 'poll tax on wheels'", he said. A motion calling for the railway system to be renationalised was unanimously adopted.

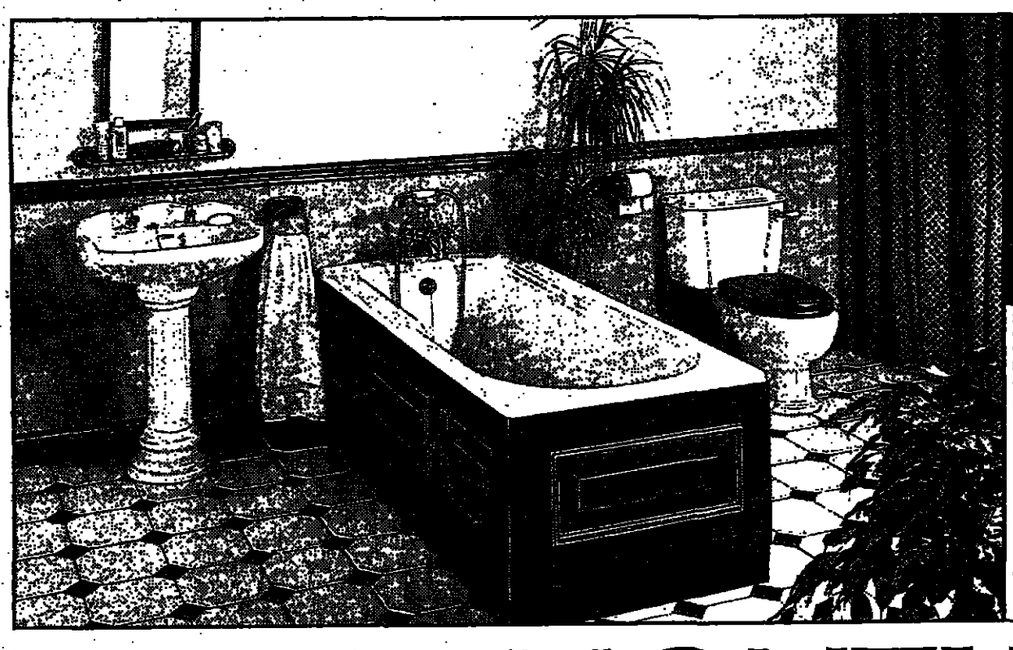
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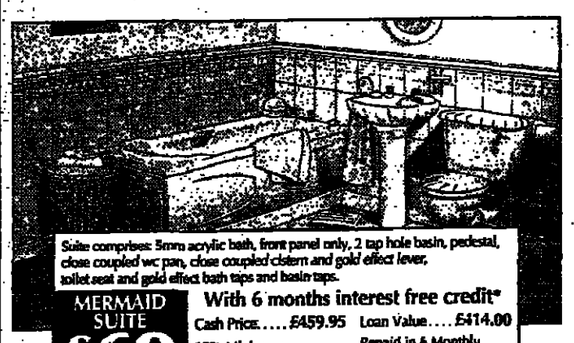


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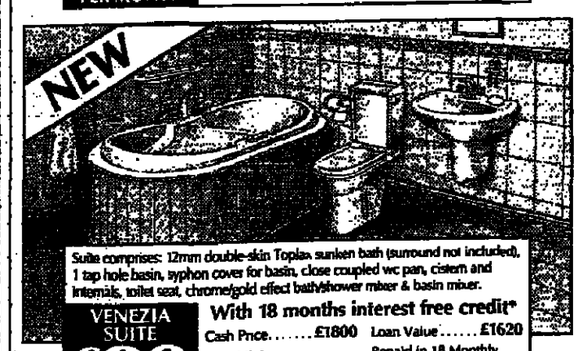
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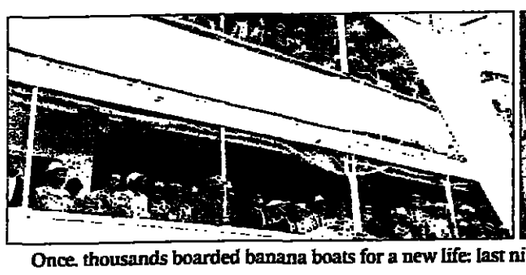
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Black tie and tears as the last banana boat goes out in style

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT





Once, thousands boarded banana boats for a new life: last night guests on the *Geestport* had a final taste of the past

JOHN Horn put on his black tie and dinner jacket last night and joined the two women passengers and crisply uniformed ship's officers for the penultimate formal dinner to be held on a banana boat.

As the *Geestbay* headed north from the Azores with its cargo of 2,000 tons of bananas from the Windward Islands of St Lucia, St Vincent, Dominica and Grenada, a long tradition of sophisticated travel, in which dressing for dinner was *de rigeur*, was drawing to a close.

When the 9,750-ton ship ties up at Southampton on Sunday the era of the banana boat, which brought thousands of West Indian immigrants to Britain in the 1950s and 1960s, will have ended.

A combination of commercial pressure, the effects of the GATT trade agreement and the crop-damaging tropical storm Debbie, has led the Geest line to sell its two remaining banana boats, to be replaced by efficient chartered vessels from Denmark, with no berths for passengers.

Captain Christopher Flanagan, ten British officers and 30 West Indian crew will be laid off. A similar number of seamen on the sister ship, the *Geestport*, will also lose their jobs. "You have to make up your mind which business you are in — cruising or bananas," a spokesman for the Geest company said. "We had been looking at our shipping strategy for some time and it was clear that the existing fleet was not as efficient as the modern ships we could hire." The *Geestbay* will be the last to carry passengers in any of its cabins, limited to 12 to avoid the necessity of carrying a ship's doctor. The *Geestport* has already gone.

Mr Horn and his wife Helen, from Bothwell near Glasgow, are depressed about the move. "There is one other lady on board with us, but she is sobbing into her handkerchief," Mr Horn said.

"Anyone who tries to claim that this has been an economic decision has not taken into account all the factors. When these ships are paid off, for example, 50 West Indian crew members will be back on the beach."

The last of the banana boat voyages, like the thousands



that preceeded it over the past 40 years, was made in style. "I got tired of normal cruise ships. With all their razzmatazz and noise they are little more than a slightly upmarket Butlins," said Mr Horn, a retired businessman who served in the Royal Navy during the war.

"These ships are different. I have been astounded at the level of luxury and comfort in the cabins."

Although 13 more passengers have already paid the full fare of £3,060 for a full three-week round trip and 50 more have put down a deposit, it is not enough to cover the spiralling costs of keeping the banana boats going. All the passengers will now have their money refunded.

The crew of the *Geestbay* were too concerned about their immediate future to speak.

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Long relationship increases chance of healthy pregnancy

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MONOGAMY is the best policy for women who want to avoid a dangerous condition during pregnancy, new research has shown.

Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia — the most important causes of maternal death in many Western countries — are 12 times more likely in women who become pregnant in the first year of a sexual relationship. The findings come from a study of 957 mothers at the University Hospital of Pionte à Pitre in Guadeloupe. Pre-eclampsia occurs in the second half of pregnancy and high blood pressure is usually the first indication. If it is not controlled, eclampsia may follow, in which the mother suffers convulsions. One in 12 maternal deaths is caused by eclampsia.

Dr Pierr-Yves Robillard and colleagues from Guadeloupe, Paris, and the University of South Carolina report their results in *The Lancet*. They found that the incidence of high blood pressure was strongly linked to how long a sexual relationship had lasted before the woman became pregnant.

Woman who changed partners and then had another baby were especially likely to suffer high blood pressure. Those with new partners who became pregnant within a few months were three times as likely to suffer as those who waited more than a year.

The most likely explanation is that sperm may contain proteins that mimic those the woman's body will be exposed to from a foetus. In a long-term relationship, providing the woman does not use barrier methods of contraception such as condoms or diaphragms, she develops an immune response to these proteins that protects her in pregnancy.

But the protection is man-specific: a women who changes partners has to start again.

☐ The largest outbreak of food poisoning caused by milk is reported in *The Lancet* by two Edinburgh researchers. More than 100 people were affected by the poisoning in May and more than a third were admitted to hospital. A dairy in Blackburn, West Lothian, was closed by health officials after the poisoning was traced to the bacterium *E coli* in pipes at the dairy.

Way to a woman's heart may be through her nose

A SPRAY that may make women swoon with passion has been discovered by chance in Australia (Nigel Hawkes writes).

In this week's *British Medical Journal*, two Australian doctors report the experience of a 26-year-old woman who had been prescribed a nasal spray containing the hormone oxytocin to help her to breast-feed; the hormone causes milk to be ejected.

Two hours after using the nasal spray, she felt intense sexual desire. At home with her partner at the time, she seized the moment and reported more than usually intense pleasure. The next time, the effects lasted three hours.

However, when she used the spray after she stopped taking a contraceptive pill, levonorgestrel, there were no special effects.

The doctors point out that oxytocin has been widely used by injection to induce labour, without apparently producing the same effects. The role of the contraceptive is also obscure, though it seems possible, as Dr Joe Herbert of Cambridge University remarks in an editorial, that the two hormones may act together in a powerful way.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



A model prepares for today's Caroline Charles show, her outfit a shift dress and white patent leather coat with diamante buttons

Galliano a natural fashion winner

BY IAN R. WEBB

THE most prestigious award in British fashion, designer of the year, was won by John Galliano at the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards 1994 last night. The awards were held at the Natural History Museum in Kensington, west London, to mark the start of London Fashion Week.

Galliano, a previous winner in 1987, has been the toast of the fashion industry since he graduated from Saint Martin's School of Art in 1984, when his degree collection was snapped up by the London store, Browns.

He is considered one of fashion's leading innovators. His latest collection, shown at the Parisian town house of socialite Sao Schlumburger in March this year, marked fashion's return to glamour.

London Fashion Week opens officially today with a show by the designer Caroline Charles and ends, after a packed timetable, on Sunday with an evening show by newcomer Owen Gaster.

Tonight the Princess of Wales will be guest of honour at a reception hosted at Lancaster House by Michael and Anne Heseltine for 400 British fashion designers — among them Vivienne Westwood, Paul Smith, Nicole Farhi and Rifat Ozbek — and foreign buyers.

Ferry left rudderless in narrow channel

THE sistership of the ferry whose gangway collapsed last month, killing six passengers, was rudderless off the Kent coast for nearly half an hour yesterday morning after its steering gear failed in a narrow navigation channel.

The captain lost control of the *Prins Albert*, carrying 100 passengers, one mile after setting out from Ramsgate at 5.30am on a three-and-a-half-hour crossing to Ostend. He hove-to when it became obvious that the ship's hydraulic system had failed.

The captain used the ship's bow thrusters — *usually used* only for manoeuvring in harbour — to keep the vessel in the narrow deep-water channel while engineers worked to engage a secondary hydraulic pump.

"The important thing was to avoid running aground on the side of the deep-water channel," said a spokesman for Dover Coastguard.

The ferry, which made the crossing at reduced speed, arrived in Ostend at 10.15 am, more than an hour late.

The *Prins Albert*, sister ship to the *Prins Filip*, whose walkway failed, is operated by Oostende Lines, owned by the Belgian government. A spokesman for Sally Line, which handles the Oostende Line's movements at Ramsgate, said: "Nobody was in any danger."

Seafood quality on the rise as prices sink

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE quality of seafood is particularly high and any imminent price changes are likely to be downward (Lisa Adams writes).

Fresh squid is an exceptional bargain at around £2.80 per lb and the distinctive flavour of hake at £2.50 is highly recommended. English baking potatoes at 25-40p per lb continue to provide a cheap but nutritious source of food while English and French conference pears are down to 30-65p per lb.

Advertised best buys:

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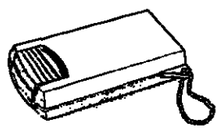
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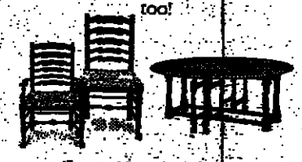


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Porsche populist vows to tilt Austrian vote to the right



Jörg Haider, who promises voters "representative democrac", signing a supporter's shirt yesterday

FROM ROGER BOYES IN VIENNA

AUSTRIA does not appear to be on the brink of a revolution: the first cold snap of the year yesterday prompted the usual parade of mink and fox along Vienna's exclusive shopping boulevards. Yet despite the comfortable mien of the coffee-and-cream drinkers, the poodle-watchers and the complacent politicians, Austria may indeed be heading for an upheaval along the lines of neighbouring Italy.

The cause for disquiet is a Porsche-driving millionaire named Jörg Haider, 46, who has made ultra-nationalist views more respectable in Austria than in any other corner of Western Europe. On the surface he looks as if he could fit in well enough with the perfumed ladies tripping through the boutiques of the Kärntnerstrasse. He has shed his provincial accent, dresses in Burberry coats, has a solarium-induced suntan and a ready, unreliable smile. But he is, as they say in Vienna, a wolf in a cashmere sweater. He is, after all, the man who once openly praised Hitler's employment policies.

In general elections this weekend Herr Haider's Freedom Party is likely to net about 20 per cent of the vote, a substantial improvement on 1990. That is not enough to unseat the present grand coalition of Socialists and conservatives (the Austrian People's Party). In 1990 the Socialist Party, which has provided an Austrian Chancellor for the past 25 years, won 43.2 per cent; the People's Party picked up more than 32 per cent. Now the betting is that the Socialists, led by Franz Vranitzky the Chancellor, will win less than 40 per cent and his conservative partners will probably be forced under 30 per cent. Herr Haider's team is galloping forward.

The contrast with Germany is stark. There the far-right Republicans are in disarray. They record barely a 2 per cent sympathy vote and their leader, Franz Schönhuber, the former Waffen SS member, has been deposed in a desperate attempt to hang on to at least a few votes on October 16.

The difference between Vienna and Bonn can be traced to a failure of imagination on the part of Austria's ruling politicians. Herr Vranitzky is not like Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. Both Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats and the Bavarian Christian Social Union have stolen fragments of the nationalist agenda from the far right. It is Herr Kohl who now talks about patriotism and the rediscovery of Germany's historical roots.

The Austrian grand coalition swims in consensus politics and Herr Haider benefits by seeming to present a clear-cut alternative. Recently he declared that "representative democracy" was an outdated concept. In the new information age, he said, it was sufficient to have civil rights movements. Provincial governors and city mayors, headmasters and television executives could be directly elected. National problems such as immigration or taxes or the size of the budget deficit could be settled by referendum. This was the voice of a populist.

The established parties have naturally denounced him, but opinion polls show broad Austrian acceptance for his views on foreigners and law and order. Only 17 out of 100 Austrians say they find the present democratic system "worth defending". Most of Herr Haider's support seems to be coming from the working class, traditionally Socialist Party voters. Herr Haider's ambition appears to be to run for Chancellor in 1998, his party the dominant element in a Berlusconi-like government.

Little wonder then that there is some panic in the alpine republic. In an unusual burst of energy Herr Vranitzky, who admits to hating beer-tent rallies, has visited all 43 constituencies. At one point in the campaign, Herr Haider, a Carinthian, pulled out a list of overpaid functionaries and waved it under the nose of the Austrian leader who stuttered and stumbled. Psychoanalysts later noted that the Chancellor's left leg was shaking out of control — diagnosed as a sign of anxiety. Herr Haider's hunched shoulders were said to denote aggression. For once the analysts seemed to have understood political body language.

UN finds nurses' bodies among mutilated Serbs

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

UNITED Nations peacekeepers yesterday found the bodies of 16 Bosnian Serb soldiers and four female nurses, many of them mutilated, after an attack near Sarajevo by Muslim-led Bosnian government forces on Thursday, Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, said.

The discovery left in jeopardy a deal struck earlier in the day for the reopening of Sarajevo. Bosnian Serb army sources said the soldiers belonged to the Trnovo battalion and had been killed in a surprise attack. It was one of the highest death tolls sustained by the Bosnian Serb Army in a single battle.

Mr Akashi, speaking after emergency talks with Bosnian leaders, said the bodies were found south of the Sarajevo demilitarised zone near Mount Igman and had been returned to the Serbs.

Radovan Kradzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, was quoted by SRNA, the Bosnian Serb news agency, as saying: "Serbs are for the moment refraining from responding, but we will soon review whether to launch a counter-offensive."

The airport deal was agreed by the UN with Bosnian Serb leaders after six hours of what UN officials called "stormy" negotiations and after 295 prisoners of war had been exchanged at dawn. That operation was delayed because, just as it was due to begin, the Bosnian Serbs expelled 120 Muslims from their territory.

For several days the Bosnian Serbs have complained that Bosnian government forces were carrying out attacks near Mount Igman and Mount Bjelasnica, across an area that is supposed to have been demilitarised. Several days ago, when the fighting began, UN officials brushed it off as a relatively unimportant clash. Now the Bosnian Serbs are likely to demand that the UN call in Nato airstrikes to stop a Muslim offensive in the demilitarised zone.

Earlier UN officials had been saying that they hoped that the prisoner exchange and the reopening of Sarajevo airport would lead to an atmosphere in which progress in other areas could be made. Last night that hope appeared to be dying. The UN has just succeeded in getting the Bosnian Serbs to restore gas, electricity and water supplies to Sarajevo and these could now be cut off again in retaliation. Supplies were cut off and the airport closed by the Serbs two weeks ago after Nato jets attacked a Bosnian Serb tank.

Since then the UN has been working hard to restore relations with the Bosnian Serbs. The UN had hoped the airport would open so that food stocks could be built up for the Bosnian capital's third winter of war.

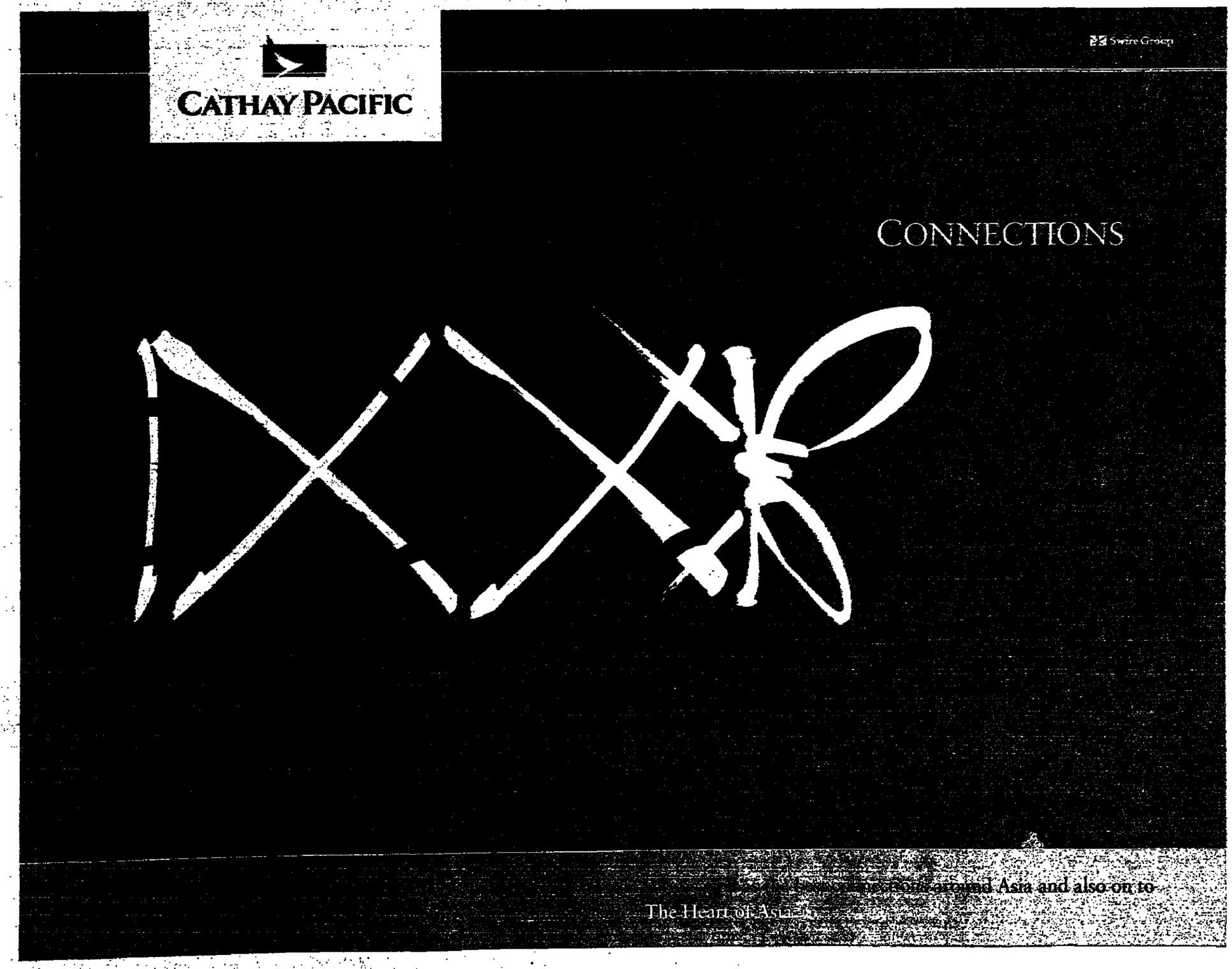
UN officials insisted after yesterday's talks on Sarajevo airport that Mr Akashi had made no concessions during the negotiations in Pale. Publicly the Bosnian Serbs had been demanding airport landing fees and joint control.

A senior Bosnian Serb source said privately, however, that what they really wanted was a document from the UN stating that if and when the organisation pulls out of Bosnia-Herzegovina it will return the airport to Serb control.

The Bosnian Serbs held the airport at the beginning of the war after it was passed to them by the Yugoslav army. In June, 1992, fearing airstrikes, they relinquished it to the UN.



A released captive, left, is embraced by his brothers during an exchange of 295 Serb and Muslim prisoners of war in Sarajevo yesterday



Berlusconi struggles to restrict investigation of his media empire

Rome steps up pressure on judges

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi's government renewed efforts to muzzle anti-corruption magistrates yesterday as commentators asked how long the Prime Minister can survive the judicial inquiries into his television holdings that are undermining his credibility.

The Cabinet approved a proposal by Giuliano Ferrara, the government spokesman, to send a letter denouncing Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the head of the Milan "Clean Hands" pool of magistrates, to President Scalfaro for remarks the prosecutor made that were widely interpreted as indicating that the Prime Minister was about to be placed under investigation.

The Cabinet letter expressed "strong alarm at relations between a delicate organ of criminal justice, the chief prosecutor of Milan, and the government of the republic, whose free functioning is guarded by Article 269 of the penal code". The head of state will decide whether to pass the letter to the ruling body of magistrates. In theory, Judge Borrelli could face prosecution for "attacks on organs of the constitution", an offence punishable by up to ten years in jail.

Judge Borrelli denied on Wednesday that a formal investigation of Signor Berlusconi is imminent. But newspapers speculated yesterday that it was only a matter of time before an inquiry into Signor Berlusconi's holdings in the pay television network Telepiù, through his Fininvest empire, produces evidence that would force him to resign. This week Judge Borrelli made an unprecedented attack on Alfredo Biondi, the Justice Minister. Signor Biondi's resignation offer was rejected by the Prime Minister. "Telepiù is today considered by everyone the banana skin on which the head of government could slip," *Il Messaggero* said.

Magistrates are investigating whether Luxembourg-based shareholders in Telepiù are really front companies for Fininvest, meaning that it controls more than the 10 per cent of the company allowed by law. *La Repubblica* claims that the Luxembourg shareholdings are controlled by a bank in the duchy where Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist Prime Minister and friend of Signor Berlusconi, allegedly arranged for the deposit of millions of pounds in bribes paid to his party in connection with the Enimont chemical concern.

"Bizarre rumours continue to circulate around the Telepiù inquiry," the Rome newspaper said, "noting the coincidence in timing between a great increase in the capital of the pay television firm and the passage through Europe of the big Enimont bribe."

Vojtech Mastny, Professor of International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University college in Bologna, believes the showdown between the government and magistrates will go on. "Berlusconi will not give up easily, particularly if there is any substance in the suspicions, which I think is more likely than not. The judges will not give up either," he said in an interview. "They have a sense of national mission that in other countries the military might have. We are seeing a confrontation between the executive and the judiciary that has no parallel in recent history."

The Telepiù affair is only one of several investigations under way involving Fininvest. Judge Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate spearheading the two-and-a-half-year-old political corruption scandals, placed Paolo, the Prime Minister's brother, under investigation this year for bribes that Fininvest allegedly paid to tax inspectors.

This week magistrates began an inquiry into allegations that quiz shows on Fininvest television channels were rigged to give cash prizes to post office officials in return for turning a blind eye to irregular use of frequencies.

Despite the judicial pressure, Signor Berlusconi has repeatedly rejected efforts to end the conflict of interest posed by his virtual monopoly over private television. A report prepared by three "wise men" he commissioned to resolve the problem was delivered to his office last week, but he has yet to make it public.



Borrelli: Milan magistrate denounced to President Scalfaro by government



Biondi: Justice Minister's offer to resign was turned down by the Prime Minister



Florence Rey, 19, in police custody after the Paris shootout on Tuesday night in which three police officers and a taxi driver died. Her partner, Audrey Maupin, 22, a law student, died yesterday of gunshot wounds. According to Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, the couple "lived in a fantasy world and were backers of anarchist theories". They had set up their own group and a pamphlet they had written was found in their flat.

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Army sues Cypriots in clash over land

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE British Army took four Greek Cypriot potato farmers to court yesterday for dumping soil on a military firing range which they claim they have the right to cultivate.

The farmers were arrested after scuffles with military and local police as Royal Engineers removed tonnes of topsoil dumped on land near Dhekelia base.

The incident highlights continuing resentment over the two British military bases on Cyprus, where there is still widespread anger about the murder of a young Danish tour guide last month. Three British soldiers — Alan Ford, 26, Justin Fowler, 26, and Jeff Pernell, 23, all serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, at Dhekelia — are expected to be charged with murder and kidnapping in court today.

The Royal Engineers were met by a contingent of angry farmers on tractors from Xylophagou village, who claimed that the British Army had no right to stop them farming the land. The confrontation prompted the cancellation of live firing practice on Wednesday. The exercises went ahead yesterday after the Greek Cypriot police arrested the farmers. Four policemen were slightly injured in the clashes.

The farmers, who pleaded not guilty, were charged with obstruction and taking possession of land belonging to someone else. They were released on bail and ordered to appear again in court later this month.

"A farmer has dumped red soil on land to which he has no rights, and part of that land is in the range danger area which is at risk from live ammunition and explosives," Anthony Worner, a British base spokesman, said.

Antonis Pelekanos insisted that the Army had no right to turf him off land he and his family had farmed for more than 100 years. Mr Worner insisted: "It's impossible for that land to belong to him. It's Ministry of Defence land. We sometimes give licences to farmers, but there's no record of him having one."

Some officials linked the row to the price of potatoes. "Potato prices have quadrupled recently and any farmer can make an extra £1,000 profit simply by planting an extra *donum* [a third of an acre] of land," one explained.

British recover Moscow church

FROM RICHARD BESTON IN MOSCOW

MORE than 70 years after the Anglican church in Moscow was seized by Bolsheviks as part of their campaign to eradicate religion, the redbrick Victorian church of St Andrew's is returning to its rightful owners.

In what is thought to be the first case of confiscated pre-Revolution property being returned to foreign ownership since the collapse of communism, the Russian authorities are preparing for an official handover in time for the Queen's visit this month.

"The negotiations are at a very advanced stage and I hope they will be completed very soon," Canon Chad Coussmaker, the Anglican chaplain of Moscow, said.

While the building's solid but unimaginative 19th-century design may look incongruous beside the more ornate Russian Orthodox cathedrals, its return marks the end of a hard-fought campaign. President Yeltsin, Viktor Chernomyrdin the Prime Minister, and Yuri Luzhkov, the powerful Mayor of Moscow, have all approved the move after lobbying by the British Government, Lambeth Palace and the Anglican community in Moscow.

The Anglican, who can trace their first services in Russia to the time of Ivan the Terrible, built their first chapel in Moscow in 1706. St Andrew's was completed in 184.

The Soviet authorities rejected repeated British appeals for the return of the church and rented it out with its large vicarage. In 1955 visiting Anglican priests tried to gain access, but was turned away on the ground that it was a girls' hostel and men were forbidden. Since 1960 the church has been used as a recording studio by the Melodiya company.

However, after Mr Yeltsin's decree last year granting congregations the right to take back their places of worship, the Anglicans renewed their efforts to get back their church.

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Looter shot dead as shopkeepers hit back in Haiti

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

THE owner of a warehouse in Port-au-Prince fired on looters yesterday, killing one person as American forces were called in to calm the situation.

"I'm not going to lose any more," Alan Francillon, owner of the warehouse, said. Looting that has devastated properties in the port area is moving into other parts of the capital as civilians, emboldened by the lack of local security from either the feared police force or the army, perform a daily ritual of *dechoutaj*, the Creole term for destruction.

It had been assumed that organised mobs had been targeting properties owned by members of the military regime. In the past few days, however, the United States Embassy has received complaints from businessmen and women claiming that they are innocent victims with no military contact.

Marlene Baza, American owner of the cash-and-carry which was devastated last week, has accused American forces of standing by while her warehouse was looted.

As the looting spread, reports that the Central Intelligence Agency was instrumental in the establishment of the right-wing militia have surfaced in the magazine *The Nation*. When Emmanuel "Toto" Constant, leader of FRAPH, the right-wing paramilitary front, was led by American diplomats to a podium in Port-au-Prince earlier this week few among the audience doubted it was a staged event for the benefit of the international media. Speaking in front of a statue of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the hero of Haitian independence, and protected from the civilian crowd by hundreds of American troops Mr Constant said that the only hope for Haiti was the return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, his sworn enemy for the past three years.

In an extraordinary about-turn, he called for an end to violence and for mutual co-operation as the last hope for the Caribbean country, saying for the first time he was prepared to work with the new government towards a peaceful democracy.

Ira Kurzban, Mr Aristide's lawyer, who watched the event, described it as an insult to the thousands of Haitians who had suffered at the hands of FRAPH and other paramilitary groups. "It was a dog and pony show arranged by the Central Intelligence Agency which created FRAPH in the first place," he said.

In the case of FRAPH, there is evidence that American intelligence may have played a part in the creation of the so-called political party a year ago as an effective successor to the Duvalierist Tontons Macoute. A Haitian businessman said yesterday that Mr Constant had been exposed to the United States from an early age. His father, General Emmanuel Constant, the most respected military commander during the Duvalier years, is said to have gained his son, through American contacts, a position as commercial attache at the Haitian mission in New York.

According to *The Nation*, Toto Constant has been considered by Washington as a man with whom the Administration could do business. Washington has denied the claim. His second-in-command at FRAPH, Louis Jodel Chamblain, has been described by American intelligence officials as a "cold-blooded, cut-throat psychopathic killer".

In Washington yesterday Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled Haitian President, added yet another meeting to his busy appointments diary with a call on President Mandela of South Africa.

Parliament to discuss draft amnesty law

HAITI'S parliament was due to meet yesterday to debate a draft amnesty law that could shield Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras and other military leaders from arrest if it is passed before Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled President, returns.

The draft, presented on Wednesday by René Prosper, the interim Justice Minister, covers only political crimes but would let Mr Aristide issue a decree broadening the amnesty. He has vowed to return to Haiti on October 15.

"Time is running out but ... we would hope that parliament would move quickly and pass an amnesty law," Stan Shrager, an American spokesman, said. "We've always thought some sort of amnesty law is important for reconciliation." *(Reuter)*



Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, the Haitian junta leader, attending a funeral held for ten security men shot dead last month by US Marines at Cap-Haïtien

Abortion activists hail conviction of doctor's killer

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A FORMER Presbyterian minister accused of killing an abortion doctor and his bodyguard outside a Florida clinic has become the first person to be convicted under new laws to counter America's increasing anti-abortion violence.

Paul Hill, 40, did not deny killing Dr John Britton and retired Air Force Colonel James Barrett, his bodyguard, and wounding Mr Barrett's wife outside the Ladies Centre clinic in Pensacola on July 29.

Hill — tall, fair-haired and reserved — insisted on representing himself during the trial, even though the judge refused to allow him to argue that the shootings were justifiable to prevent the "greater crime of abortion". He presented no evidence, called no witnesses, refused to cross-examine his accusers and grinned at his court-appointed advisers after the verdict was announced late on Wednesday. "The government is unjust because it does not protect human life," he said in a brief, unemotional statement after his conviction. "To the extent that we take part in evil, we must answer to God, and may God have mercy on us all."

The jury took less than two hours to find Hill guilty under the federal law signed by President Clinton last May which prohibits injuring or interfering with people entering abortion clinics. He faces life imprisonment as well as a state murder trial next January which could send him to the electric chair.

Hill's violent views led to his expulsion from the Presbyterian Church before the killings, but he has become a martyr in the eys of extremists in the anti-abortion movement. Pro-abortion campaigners have hailed the verdict as "a clear message that this extremist terrorist activity in the name of religion will not be tolerated".

Pensacola, a quiet Gulf Coast city and centre for Christian fundamentalism, has become a focal point in the abortion war. Last year David Gunn, an abortion doctor, was shot dead at another of the city's clinics. Michael Griffin, an anti-abortion protester, was found guilty of the murder and jailed for life.

Deadly rivals agree payout

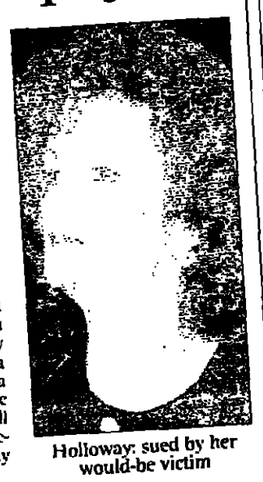
BY BEN MACINTYRE

A TEXAN woman convicted of hiring an assassin to kill the mother of her daughter's rival on a school cheerleading team has agreed to pay her would-be victim $150,000, or about £100,000.

Police say that in 1991 Wanda Webb Holloway tried to pay a hitman to kill Verna Heath, her neighbour in the suburb of Channelview, Texas. Mrs Heath's daughter, Amber, was already on the cheerleading team at Johnson Junior High School. Mrs Holloway's daughter was not, and the authorities say that she tried to have Mrs Heath killed, hoping to put Amber off her stride and make way for her own daughter to join the team.

The plan was rumbled, prompting a celebrated trial, a slew of tasteless jokes and a feature film. Mrs Holloway was convicted of soliciting murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison, but a mistrial was declared and a retrial has yet to be scheduled.

Meanwhile Mrs Heath sued her would-be assassin in civil court. On Monday Mrs Holloway agreed to a settlement whereby Verna and Jack Heath will receive $70,000, their children will share $30,000 and the remaining $50,000 will pay legal expenses.



Holloway: sued by her would-be victim

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Perot tells backers they should vote Republican

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton and his Democratic Party suffered fresh blows as Congress prepared to adjourn today for next month's mid-term elections in which the Republicans had already been expected to make big gains.

Ross Perot, who garnered 19 million votes in the 1992 presidential election, called on his supporters to back Republican candidates in the elections on November 8.

House Republicans, determined to deny Mr Clinton a badly needed victory before the elections, forced the postponement of a vote to ratify the Gatt world trade agreement until late next month. Filibustering Republican senators killed a Democratic Bill to crack down on lobbyists.

Then, just three days after Mike Espy, the Agriculture Secretary, was forced to resign under an ethical cloud, the future of another two senior members of the Clinton Administration appeared in jeopardy as their extra-curricular activities came under increasing scrutiny.

Mr Perot is not the force he was in 1992, but his endorsement thrilled the Republicans because the millions of angry, disaffected Americans who supported him then are precisely the swing voters they need to recapture the House or Senate next month.

Appearing on his favourite *Larry King Live* talk show, the Texan billionaire said that Democrats had controlled Congress for almost all the past 60 years and it was time for the Republicans to have a "turn at bat". If they too failed to "clean up" Washington, Mr Perot said, "I promise you, Mr and Mrs America, I will give you every ounce of everything I have, and we will create a third party that will deliver."

The timing of Mr Perot's endorsement was somewhat odd because the Republicans have spent almost the entire week blocking Bills whose passage might have given Democrats something to boast of in their re-election campaigns. Although the gridlock will fuel public disgust with Congress, the Republicans believe that Democrats will suffer more because they are defending many more seats.

The postponement of the House Gatt vote was a particular blow to Mr Clinton because he considered the tariff-cutting accord one of the main successes of his first two years. The postponement is thought unlikely to jeopardise the accord's eventual ratification, however, because the Republicans will almost certainly throw their support behind it once the elections are over.

The two senior officials in trouble are Henry Cisneros, the Housing Secretary, and Roger Johnson, head of the General Services Administration. Mr Cisneros's former mistress has released taped telephone conversations suggesting that he lied about past payments to her when the FBI was checking his background before his appointment last year. Mr Cisneros denies that, but has offered privately to resign to spare the President embarrassment. Mr Clinton is reluctant to accept because Mr Cisneros is both Hispanic and San Antonio's popular former mayor and his dismissal could cost Ann Richards, Texas's Democratic Governor, re-election on November 8.

Mr Johnson is under investigation for allegedly using government officials for personal work and for charging the government for personal telephone calls and trips back to his native California.



PRESIDENT Mandela being applauded by his daughter, Zinzi Mandela-Hlongwane, and President Clinton as he addresses the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington. The South African leader spoke for millions of followers in the shanty-towns yesterday when he challenged the world's haves to work for the creation of democracy, peace and prosperity for the have-nots (Ian Brodie writes).

In a separate and at times poetic address to Congress, the visiting President said the end of the Cold War

Mandela asks Americans to join crusade for have-nots

presented an opportunity to move away from ideological battles towards a more positive goal where all people could enjoy the right to full human dignity. "I come out of a continent with whose travails and suffering you are very familiar," Mr Mandela said. "You will therefore understand it easily why I stand up to say that for such a powerful country as yours, democracy, peace and prosperity are as much in your interest as ours."

The Clinton Administration has been generous in extending aid to the post-apartheid South Africa. The Mandela visit has produced promises of loan guarantees, an enterprise fund for small businesses and money for housing and electrification that will add up to $700 million (£443 million) over three years. Several large American corporations have announced their return to South Africa, among them Pepsico and Duracell batteries, after a nine-year absence that began with American economic sanctions.

☐ Johannesburg: Bus drivers blocked streets with their vehicles and police exchanged gunfire with striking security guards as pay protests shut down the country's largest city. Hundreds of security guards rampaged through the streets. *(AP)*

London double-decker bus conquers New York

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

OVERCOMING legal challenges, bureaucratic resistance and outright opposition from local residents, the venerable British double-decker bus has finally succeeded in conquering New York.

About 50 of the lumbering red giants have just completed their first big summer season carrying tourists through the concrete canyons of Manhattan, and business is so good that operators plan to import more from Britain for next year. "They are already a feature of New York life," said Alexander Garzon, chief executive of New York Double Decker, whose company was the first to import one of the buses from Britain in 1991.

"Business is great because people like the product," he said. "The buses are open-topped and they can see all the skyscrapers."

In the 1950s, the New York authorities tried to run double-deckers on regular city routes, but dropped the vehicles because of maintenance problems and low height clearance on some routes. Their recent reappearance on the streets as tourist buses caused much controversy.

The ageing double-deckers fell foul of safety regulations drawn up for the sleek single-storey coaches used by Greyhound and other American bus operators. The rules stipulated, for instance, that buses must have a minimum ceiling height that was an inch higher than the ceiling of a double-decker. In an effort to force other double-deckers off the road, the largest of the city's four double-decker operators, Gray Line, fitted its vehicles to the satisfaction of state safety officials and then sued its competitors for failing to do the same.

Finally, a compromise was worked out enabling New York State's transport department to inspect the buses for obvious safety flaws, such as faulty brakes or a lack of emergency lights, but the rules were rewritten to take account of the fact that the vehicles had two decks.

That did not end the bus operators' woes, however. Neighbourhood groups soon began protesting about the double-deckers passing along their streets, with tourists on the upper deck who were able to peer straight into their windows. Residents on West 9th Street in Greenwich Village even staged weekly demonstrations to drive the buses off their block, and succeeded in getting them rerouted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia fires raze rainforest

Jakarta: Raging fires have destroyed or damaged more than 12 million acres of *rainforests* in one of the worst ecological disasters in Indonesia's history, the government said yesterday.

Most of the fires were started by traditional farmers who burn bushes to clear land for agriculture, it said. The estimate makes the damaged area much wider than previously believed. It includes portions of the island of Sumatra in the west and parts of Kalimantan.

The loss from the fires is estimated at £51 million and haze has drifted as far away as Singapore and Malaysia, fouling the air, causing health problems and air traffic hazards. *(AP)*

Army oil cuts

Moscow: Oil companies are refusing to supply fuel to the Russian army because it cannot pay its bill, so the military is being forced to use emergency reserves, Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, told the Cabinet. *(AP)*

Poverty rises

Washington: The Census Bureau's poverty report said 39.3 million Americans — an increase to 15.1 per cent of the population — live below the poverty level, which was set at $14,763 (£9,842) for a family of four. *(AP)*

School attacks

Algiers: More than 600 schools have been burned or sabotaged by Muslim extremists in recent weeks, the government said. For the second day in a row, a teacher was killed — shot outside a school 150 miles east of here. *(AP)*

Oldest cut

St Petersburg: Fyodor Uglov, a Russian doctor who performed a lung operation just three days before his ninetieth birthday, has entered the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest practising surgeon. *(Reuter)*

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Hurd dismisses exiles' claims of Saudi instability

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN publicly underlined its confidence in the stability of the Saudi government yesterday, a day after exile sources reported a fresh wave of arrests in Saudi Arabia, including those of poets and university teachers.

In a rare interview with a Saudi-owned newspaper, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that the basic system of government in the kingdom was stable and commanded the support of the great majority of Saudis. He also poured cold water on reports of a crisis in the Saudi economy, saying that various measures taken to correct the difficulties were "fruitful".

His remarks to the London-based newspaper *al-Sharq al-Awsat* come as a joint delegation of 50 leading British companies prepares to visit Saudi Arabia for high-level talks on joint venture projects to offset the huge Saudi arms deals with Britain. Businessmen have expressed fears recently that the Saudis' growing balance of payments difficulties — with a debt estimated at £50 billion — might lead to the postponement or cancellation of valuable export contracts.

A group of Saudi dissidents based in London reported this week that the authorities had carried out a new round of arrests and were continuing house-to-house searches. The Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, headed by Muhammad Massari, who fled the country and has requested asylum in Britain, said those detained included Muhammad al-Hudaif, a professor at King Saud University, a journalist, two poets and Shaikh Saleh al-Sadiri. The group accused the Saudis of using Egyptians and Tunisians to interrogate and torture those detained. The



Hurd: denies economic problems are serious

group, whose members include Islamic fundamentalists, reported recently the arrest of more than 1,000 demonstrators, but diplomats said the figure was much exaggerated. Saudi Arabia announced a few days later the arrest of 110 people.

Mr Hurd said yesterday that Britain did not rely on these reports by exiles. "We do not attach particular importance to them as sources of information; we have our own sources," he said. Whitehall officials said that as well as information from the British Embassy in Riyadh, Britain probably was using its links with other Gulf states to monitor the situation.

A former Saudi diplomat, whose application for political asylum in Britain has been rejected, began a hunger strike yesterday. The Home Office refused the application by Ahmad al-Zahrani, a former vice-consul in Houston, because he should have applied directly from America. He blamed his rejection on John Major's recent assurance to King Fahd that Britain would not be used as a platform for the Saudi opposition.

The Saudis have expressed deep concern at the presence in Britain of dissidents. Asked yesterday about the granting of asylum to fundamentalists, Mr Hurd said that Britain would not be used as a base to support terrorism in the region. "We have our laws and we have a tradition of free speech, but what we do not have, and what we repudiate, is any tradition of encouraging terrorism."

Britain has criticised the state of human rights in Saudi Arabia, but Mr Hurd emphasised yesterday the prime importance of the country for regional stability, and said the government shared Saudi concerns about Iran.



The Pope using a chair and stick to brace himself at his weekly audience yesterday

Doctor's diagnosis renews fears for health of Pope

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ONE of the Pope's most senior doctors was quoted as saying yesterday that the pontiff is "psychologically unwell" and should cut down his workload. However, Professor Corrado Manni, director of anaesthesia and intensive care at the Gemelli Polyclinic hospital in Rome, later denied saying the Pope was still suffering psychologically from the 1981 attempt on his life.

"The Pope is profoundly upset for not having been able to carry out his planned visit to Sarajevo, but he is not still psychologically disturbed by the attack he underwent 13 years ago," Professor Manni told the Italian news agency, ANSA.

"Yes, the 1981 attack did profoundly affect the Pope's spirits, but he already overcame this without problems during the three months of convalescence he underwent at the Gemelli Polyclinic," the doctor added.

Professor Manni was quoted as telling *The European* that "if you are a man who loves peace and you see a bullet coming towards you, the effect of such an attempt is very profound on the psyche, but it is not immediately noticeable. He is neither mad nor senile, but in my opinion he is psychologically unwell."

The Vatican postponed the Pope's visit to the United States this month, saying he needed more time to recover from surgery in April on a broken leg. The trip to Sarajevo was postponed on the grounds that the security of those attending his Mass could not be guaranteed.

Professor Manni is a member of the team of doctors that operated on the pontiff after he was shot by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish terrorist, in St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The professor was also present when surgeons removed what they said was a benign tumour "as big as an orange" from the Pope's intestine two years ago.

Professor Manni discounted reports that the Pope was suffering from cancer or Parkinson's disease. A Polish prelate said: "He has some psychological problems because he is afraid of falling over again."

Professor Manni said the Pope was suffering "psychological pain" because he could not renew his travels as quickly as he would like.

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Birth of another Palestine

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS the struggle for the creation of a Palestinian state intensifies, one of *Israel's 800,000 Arab citizens* has won a bizarre administrative fight with government officials for the right to register his new daughter's name as "Falastin", an Arabic word which means "Palestine".

The case, in which Interior Ministry officials in Petah Tiqwa had opposed the application by Amir Amar, 32, a security guard, was described in legal circles as the first of its kind in the history of the Jewish state. It came amid concern among the Israeli security forces of growing radicalisation among the Israeli Arabs.

UN monitors ready for Iraq arms watch

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE chief United Nations weapons inspector announced in Baghdad yesterday that the organisation had begun its unprecedented effort to monitor Iraq's defence industries *with an array of sophisticated* cameras and sensors.

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN special commission set up after the Gulf War to ensure Iraq did not rebuild its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, said the monitoring system would be fully operational within days. "We are provisionally operational. We are trying the systems," he said.

The monitoring system, based in a building in Baghdad staffed by 80 UN inspectors, includes hi-tech sensors and cameras at almost 100 locations where prohibited arms may be produced. Automatic chemical sensors will take air samples outside Iraqi chemical factories for traces of forbidden compounds, while video cameras feed pictures of weapons plants to headquarters. An American U2 spy plane on loan to the UN and helicopters from Germany will also make overflights of possible weapons sites.

Iraq's co-operation with UN weapons inspectors is the sole legal requirement for ending the four-year oil embargo on the country. Britain and the United States insist that there can be no relaxation of sanctions until the monitoring system has been up and running for six months, and are pushing President Saddam Hussein to fulfil other conditions, such as recognising the new, UN-demarcated border with Kuwait.

The CIA has said that Baghdad is trying to elude UN inspectors by hiding banned ballistic missiles.



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Simone Signoret: when distraught by her husband Yves Montand's long-standing affair with Marilyn Monroe, she sought comfort in the arms of Laurence Olivier

'Were they lovers? Why hadn't I twigged before?'

A knock at Laurence Olivier's dressing-room door brought the revelation that Sarah Miles was being used to make Simone Signoret jealous

'Come to my room. Bring your script, help me to learn my lines. I want to practise my speech in the dock."

Ten minutes later, there was Olivier in his soft silk maroon-and-blue dressing gown, together with a whisky and the script.

"Right then. Page eighty-four."

A knock on the door.

"Good god, I wonder who that could be at this time of night?" he said checking his rather plain Rolex. He pulled himself together and retied his dressing-gown before going to the door. "Who's there?"

"It's me, Larry — Simone."

He came back to me, whispering, "Don't exit until I give your cue. I'll retie my dressing-gown into a bow." He demonstrates with a great flurry of professionalism. "Thus." "Get it?"

"Got it."

"Good."

I was to learn that Olivier relished playing games. I wasn't sure at the age of 18, whether I was sufficiently sophisticated to keep up with this.

In came Simone Signoret making a dressing-gown duet. Hers was dark green, tied in a bow which looked a bit droopy, like her at that moment. She jumped when she saw me. I wanted Olivier to retie his sash immediately — you could cut the tension with a knife.

"Oh. Hello, Sarah." She retied her dressing-gown, making her appearance more formal. I was surely going to get muddled with all these sashes.

"Simone..." Olivier attempted to clear some fishy air. "Sarah here is kindly helping me with my dock speech."

"Oh, yes." Simone seemed relieved. "It's very difficult speech, dat one. I'm glad it isn't for me," she said, tripping over her laboured English. She sat down beside me on the sofa.

"Have you told Sarah yet?"

"Of course I haven't."

They were lovers! Why hadn't I twigged before? For some reason it had never crossed my mind. "Shall I leave?" I said, rising a little. Olivier gave me a desperate, yet reprimanding look from behind Simone, indicating his untouched dressing-gown tie. I felt no twang of jealousy — none at all — and when the awkwardness wore off a little, I found myself growing more and more curious. It transpired that poor Simone's heart was broken. Her husband, Yves Montand, had made the film *Let's Make Love* the previous year with Marilyn Monroe. Though the movie was completed, their own personal "let's make love" wasn't. Naturally Simone was haunted by Yves's gallivanting into such luscious pastures: Marilyn was no slouch and capable of taking Yves from her for good and all.

"Dis time it is very serious. Yves's phone-call tonight scared me, Larry. Marilyn always gets what she wants."

She fell into Olivier's arms. I went to the door, but he looked up from her embrace, stopping me in my tracks with a look darker than thunder. Why was he so desperate for me to stay? "What must I do, Larry? I am going mad," said Simone, breathing against him, heavy with grief. Olivier was trying to extricate himself from Simone's avid embrace.

"Ask Dame Sarah, she seems to know a thing or two."

Simone turned her tear-streaked face to me. I didn't know what on earth to say.

"I suggest you tread water gently, stay dignified — if you still love him, that is."

Noticing her close proximity to Olivier, she pulled herself together, quickly unwrapping herself from his arms. "I don't see any dignity," she said blowing her fine, swollen nose.

"She's right, Simone," said Olivier. "Men do stray from time to time. Just stand still and hold your head up, and Yves will come running home with his tail between his legs — you wait and see."

As Simone made her exit he gave me a wicked little look, indicating Simone's spectacular bottom — no tail between her legs. At the door she turned, came back and kissed him on the cheek, ruffling his sweet balding head. "I will be brave, I promise. thank you both," She closed the door behind her.

"Why didn't you let me leave? She wanted to be with you alone."

As Lionel handed me my script, his tone became most businesslike. "Off you go. Well done, you saved me from the tiger's ravenous jaw."

I found his sudden harshness distasteful. He certainly was a man of changes.

"Simone needed you tonight."

"Simone needs me every night, but I have to learn my lines some time. Now off you go, it's well past your bedtime, young lady."

"You used me."

"I most certainly did. Just as Simone is using me, or trying to."

"How do you mean?"

"She might get Yves back sooner if he thinks she's having hanky-panky with me."

"What?" I said, keeping my eyes to the floor. "Playing hanky-panky in his absence?"

Olivier laughed. "Precisely. I'm being used, and in turn I'm using you. and I'll do the same tomorrow night, and the night after that." He pushed my hair out of my eyes. "And you, young lady, had better get used to it, because that's what everyone does. They use each other all the time."

● Serves Me Right *by Sarah Miles will be published by Macmillan General Books on Friday, October 21 (£16.99).*

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Was Sarah Miles at 18 mature enough to keep up with Olivier's games?

A Highland fling with history

The Duke of Sutherland is cast as a first-grade villain in Scotland — but **Magnus Linklater** finds the case against him not proven

It is certainly one of the more original planning applications I have seen. Scrupulously presented, it simply asks the Highland Regional Council for permission to demolish a monument, improve an access road, and form a viewpoint on the 1,199ft-high summit of Ben Vraggie in Sutherland.

Tucked away at the back, however, is an explanatory note: "Since the monument is a listed building (Class B), we intend to replace it with a new memorial at the viewpoint to commemorate the Sutherland Clearances in a way which will express the suffering and death which the ordinary people of this county endured."

This latter idea may have been mine. I bumped into Peter Finlay, one of the applicants, at the Scottish National Party conference, and suggested that rather than tearing down old monuments he should be erecting new ones. He seems to have taken half my suggestion on board.

I don't believe in trying to obliterate history. Moreover, the 1st Duke was far more of a misguided reformer than a vicious persecutor, and if we start tearing down the statues of misguided men there will not be many left standing.

What happened in the county of Strathnaver in the first two decades of the last century was certainly a crime against humanity, an early example of ethnic cleansing. Thousands of crofters living in small townships up and down the glen were forcibly removed from their dwellings and relocated in fishing settlements on the coast, to make way for sheep. Houses were set on fire and, in at least one notorious incident, an elderly woman died when her cottage was burnt while she was asleep inside.

No one who drives down the deserted glen today and sees the sad remnants of what once was a thriving community can fail to be moved by the terrible effects of the *bliadhna na losgaidh*, the year of the burning.

It is not surprising that the 1st Duke should be seen as a persecutor. He was an English landowner, George Granville Leveson-Gower, the Marquess of Stafford, whose immense wealth was founded on coal.

He was in fact a conscientious social reformer, a progressive "planner" and, later, a keen supporter of the Reform Bill of 1832. What he heard about his newly acquired tenants in the North of Scotland appalled him. They lived in great poverty in tiny "black houses", speaking only Gaelic, with a feudal way of life that was alien to all he equated with modern-day civilisation.

He took little persuading, by his agent, Patrick Sellar, and his wife, the Countess of Sutherland, that they would be much better off making their living by fishing for herring and planting potatoes on the coast, and he was prepared to spend a considerable amount of money achieving that end. The net results, he believed, would be a happier population, and, in the course of it, an improved income from the great new industry in the Highlands — sheep-farming. The methods of achieving this end he left to others.

There is little evidence that his wife, a countess in her own right, and revered in Sutherland as a clan chief, opposed the changes. She was, however, shocked when stories reached her of the cruelty involved. She forwarded all complaints to Sellar — and here is the true villain.

Sellar's views of the Highlanders were frankly racist. He considered them to be devoid of "every principle of truth and candour... the sad remnant of a people who once covered a great part of Europe". They had wilfully rejected civilised values. They were "shut out from the general stream of knowledge and cultivation flowing in upon the Commonwealth of Europe from the fountains of antiquity".



1st Duke: statue threat

So it is hardly surprising that Sellar should have applied harsh, unfeeling and often brutal tactics to clear the Sutherland territory. He himself acquired land and became rich on sheep, and produced reports portraying the Strathnaver evictions as a great act of land reform.

Sellar was put on trial for one crime — the burning of the house at Kildnan which led to the death of an elderly crofter. The case became a classic instance of the landed establishment closing ranks. The Gaelic-speaking witnesses were ridiculed and denigrated; Sellar's character was found to be "impeccable"; the judge virtually directed the jury to acquit.

There is no evidence that the Duke or the Countess disagreed with any of this, and Sellar was allowed to carry on developing the land. That their attitude was patrician and aloof is not in dispute. But when typhoid struck and famine set in, they spent many thousands of pounds relieving the worst of the suffering.

The Duke would certainly stand accused by the standards of our time as a silent accomplice in a disastrous social experiment. But as the late historian, Sir Iain Moncreiffe, points out, the Duke gained little financially: "So far were the clearances from being merely selfish improvements, from 1811 to 1833 the country yielded him no rent and resulted in a loss of £60,000 in all."

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Peter Jay on the flight of jobs from Britain — and why a real gentleman never changes his party

'Nobody today can feel secure in a job — it is no longer a straight run to the grave'

JAMES MORGAN



Peter Jay — he warns that we are in a new industrial revolution, and we can't retrain middle aged pipe-fitters to become computer programmers

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



Peter Jay has a mission to explain the *Age of Fear*. I arrive for my tutorial as one of the Anxious Employed, beset like the rest of the workforce (as Jay will propound in Monday night's *Panorama*) by a fear of losing my job — and with it "*status, identity, pride*".

October sun pours into the farmhouse in Woodstock, Oxfordshire. "We came here for the children, because of the Cotswolds. It's jolly nice. I'm rediscovering 'park and ride'. I hadn't ridden on a bus since I left the Treasury in 1967."

Shelves full of Cover-to-Cover tapes of classic books enable him to rediscover Jane Austen while driving to the BBC. I cannot discover if Jay's second wife Emma is, like her Austen namesake, "handsome, clever and rich", since she is out at some class — pottery or philosophy, Jay says vaguely. The nanny, Sharon, is watching television with Jamie, blond and blue-eyed, youngest of his seven children. Helpless in the kitchen, Jay is defeated by the prospect of making coffee without a wife to hand.

He is much happier expatiating in the language of *The Times* economics editor, as he was when he famously declared, on being asked his meaning by a sub-editor: "That point is meant to be *understood by three people in* the country, and you are not one of them." (They were two Treasury mandarins and the Governor of the Bank of England.)

So he begins: "Nobody today can feel secure in a job for life. Just twenty years ago, once you started work you thought it likely — depressingly likely, really — that you were on 'a straight run to the grave', as Claud Cockburn's tutor said."

What ensues is a lengthy discourse on the changing world economy, which Monday's film will graphically portray so that "even you, a rich woman living in Highgate", as he jestingly refers to me, can appreciate what the globalised economy will mean to our work prospects. We shall observe how in Germany the unemployed are retrained; in America "you either flip hamburgers or starve". They have filmed several former executives who have turned flexibly to bar-tending. Meanwhile in India, globalisation means that clever women in saris, who happen to have master's degrees in engineering, design computer programmes. And this is the rub: in this efficient world, capital goes where labour is cheapest. Wages fall, profits rise, hugely, and the rich, unsurprisingly, gets richer.

"Essentially," he said, "it is a *bit like the Industrial Revolution*. But people with the wrong skills don't actually acquire them by retraining: that is a myth pedalled by politicians. If you could give everybody a shot of new skills, *like a polio jab, it would* be different. But you can't make a 50-year-old pipe-fitter into a computer programmer. It can't be done. It didn't happen to the Luddites and it won't happen this time."

Naturally, one asks: what will become of modern Luddites? His programme will offer no solutions from men in suits. However, "after a couple of days with a cold towel round my head," Jay came to a resolution.

"What actually happens is that in the end they die," he said, uncheeringly. "They are unemployed, and poor, and they die. And a new generation of people — the Indian ladies with the skills — become the beneficiaries of a new and more successful economy."

How much more appealing just to switch careers, as Jay has when faced with slings and arrows. "In March 1983, the day after the TV-am melodrama, or *farce*, I did for a moment consider: How do you collect the dole? Where do you go? And am I eligible? However I cannot indulge in the foolish middle-class vice of pretending that my experiences are comparable with those of the people in our film."

What he did that day was to go home and defiantly put on his answering machine: "This is the world headquarters of the Peter Jay organisation." The first person to call was Robert Maxwell, who gave him a banking magazine to edit and then made him his mysterious "Chief of Staff".

His job on *The Times* resulted from a cocktail party. Then ten years later he returned from lunching with "a nice, beautiful lady" at 4.00pm to find on his desk two messages: one asking him for a leader on unemployment, the other summoning him to see the Foreign Secretary at 4.15pm. Too late. "I typed, for the 437th *time, the first line of a leader* on unemployment, at the end of which I was overcome with an ennui so appalling that I tore out the paper, grabbed my jacket and hailed a taxi." He was at the Commons in ten *minutes flat "and the rest is* history".

And when that period as Our Man in Washington came messily to an end, *The Economist* was waiting; then TV-am, and so on. Not much *Age of Fear* here.

There is something magnificent inperturbable about Peter Jay, given how often he must have read articles asking whatever happened to his early promise. The air of intellectual privilege, like his commanding height, is bred in the genes; and while at 57 his Wykehamist arrogance has often been ruffled by embarrassments — *from not getting* an All Souls' fellowship through much-chronicled affairs — he proves that all such setbacks are ultimately outweighed by his good fortune.

"The Peter Jay memorial *library" is how his family refer* to the transformation underway in the old Cotswold barn, complete with double privy, in the garden. He is paying for that from the sale of his yacht and it will house "relics of my *sailing days" and dozens of* cartoons of himself.

Being Douglas Jay's son bestowed a sense of potency. "He speaks with such lucidity, he made me feel that I understood everything and anything." In the Jay household in Hampstead the boys were expected to be bright, the twin sisters to be pretty. The sons gathered that competing and achieving was more fun than not. There was no point in playing cricket, chess or tennis unless competitively.

> "Being a Tory was like wearing loud checks or going to Harrow — it was vulgar"

His father became a Socialist when, in infancy, he saw barefoot children and asked his nurse why they were poor. Jay Jr had no such vision. At eight he was a priggish Tory *who heard the results of the* 1945 election with horror. But a year later he was canvassing for his father in Battersea, and grew up feeling that "being a Tory was like wearing loud checks, or owning a dog, or holding shares, or going to Harrow, or wearing brown shoes with a blue suit — vulgar: and anyway a gentleman would not change his party allegiance (after the age *of nine) any more than he* would stop supporting Arsenal and start supporting Chelsea just because Chelsea was winning".

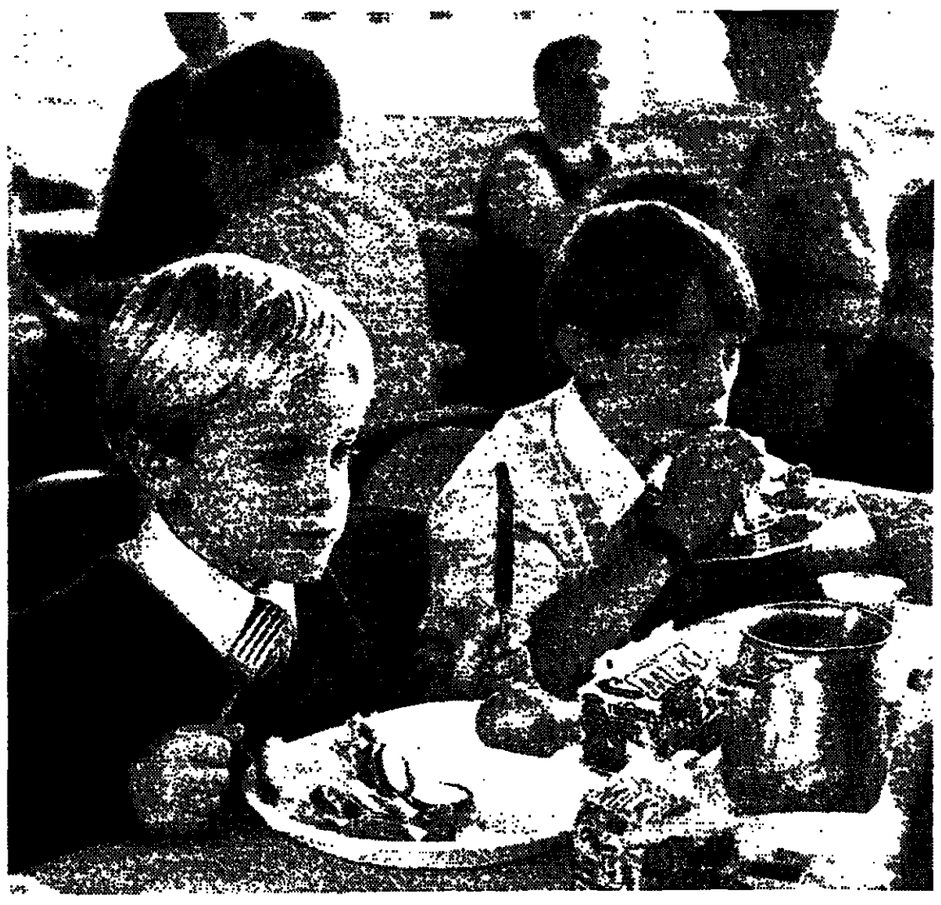
So how Blairite is he? "The BBC, being impartial, has absolutely no opinion on any matter of controversy; and I as its loyal servant have even less ... Tony Blair strikes me as strongly determined to win, which seems sensible."

But John Major is the first Prime Minister in his adult life (since Anthony Eden sent him as a *midshipman* to Suez) "who I do not regard with hatred, loathing and contempt". He makes an exception for his former father-in-law, Jim Callaghan.

In 1975 Mark Amory wrote a *Sunday Times* profile of Jay (of which only the headline, "The cleverest young man in England?", is remembered, irritatingly, with the ominous questionmark left off) in which he said Jay was "scared of boredom". Jay was "horrified and outraged" — until he realised that it was true.

But he hastens to add that his hatred of boredom is not paranoid, like his old boss Maxwell's. "His was an extreme fear of boredom arising from his having absolutely no interest whatever apart from his work, so he was always inventing major crisis and drove himself mad. Nobody should be bored with the resources I have — I am a very privileged person — but I do have a suspicion that boredom might stalk up on you ..." He cannot understand other people seeking solitude. "I find it impossible to distinguish it from loneliness."

● *Peter Jay will be writing in* The Times *on Monday.*



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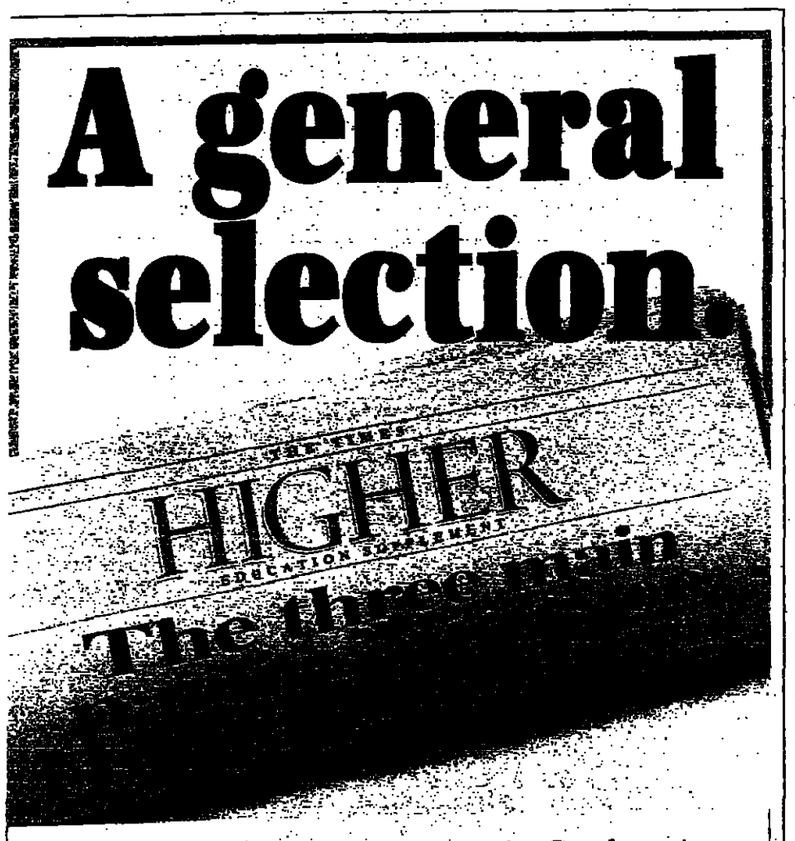
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Philip Howard



■ Let us hear cheers for the rat, maligned in the West but venerated elsewhere

Plague and shipwreck are archetypal nightmares, because they strike without warning or escape. Western literature opens in the *Iliad* with a pestilence: a shipwreck forms the crisis of the *Odyssey*. The miasma of plague was the stock metaphor for guilt in the first tragedies, and it is still a symbol of man's helplessness for later writers from Boccaccio and Camus to Edgar Allan Poe: "And darkness, decay and the Red Death held illimitable dominion over all."

Shipwreck has equally gnarled roots, from *The Wreck of the Deutschland* to Géricault's *The Raft of Medusa*, that passage from classicism to romanticism. Shakespeare combined the two shudder-certificate themes in *The Tempest*, where he has the very rats (carriers of plague) instinctively quitting the rotten carcass of a boat on which Prospero and Miranda were cast adrift.

The plague in India and the wreck of the *Estonia* have brought back into the word processors atavistic vocabularies of disaster. In the West, Surat is pronounced as though it were a rodent called Sue, even though rats are not the transmitters of pneumonic plague, and Hindi has no sounds to rhyme with either Sue or rat. But "rat" sounds suitably foul, being loaded with echoes in English going back to the Black Death.

When the *Estonia* went down, all reports spoke of scenes of panic in which the strongest escaped while the weak succumbed. "Panic" is a conventional strong word to go with shipwrecks. But it means an attempt to avoid a danger that is not really there (as when the locust Midianites were panicked by Gideon and his hundred men breaking the crockery), or an attempt to escape a real danger by inappropriate means. The god Pan panics us into unwarranted terror with strange noises. When a ship goes down, our fear is rational, in the same way that those whom we describe in the media as "panic buyers" are in fact behaving prudently.

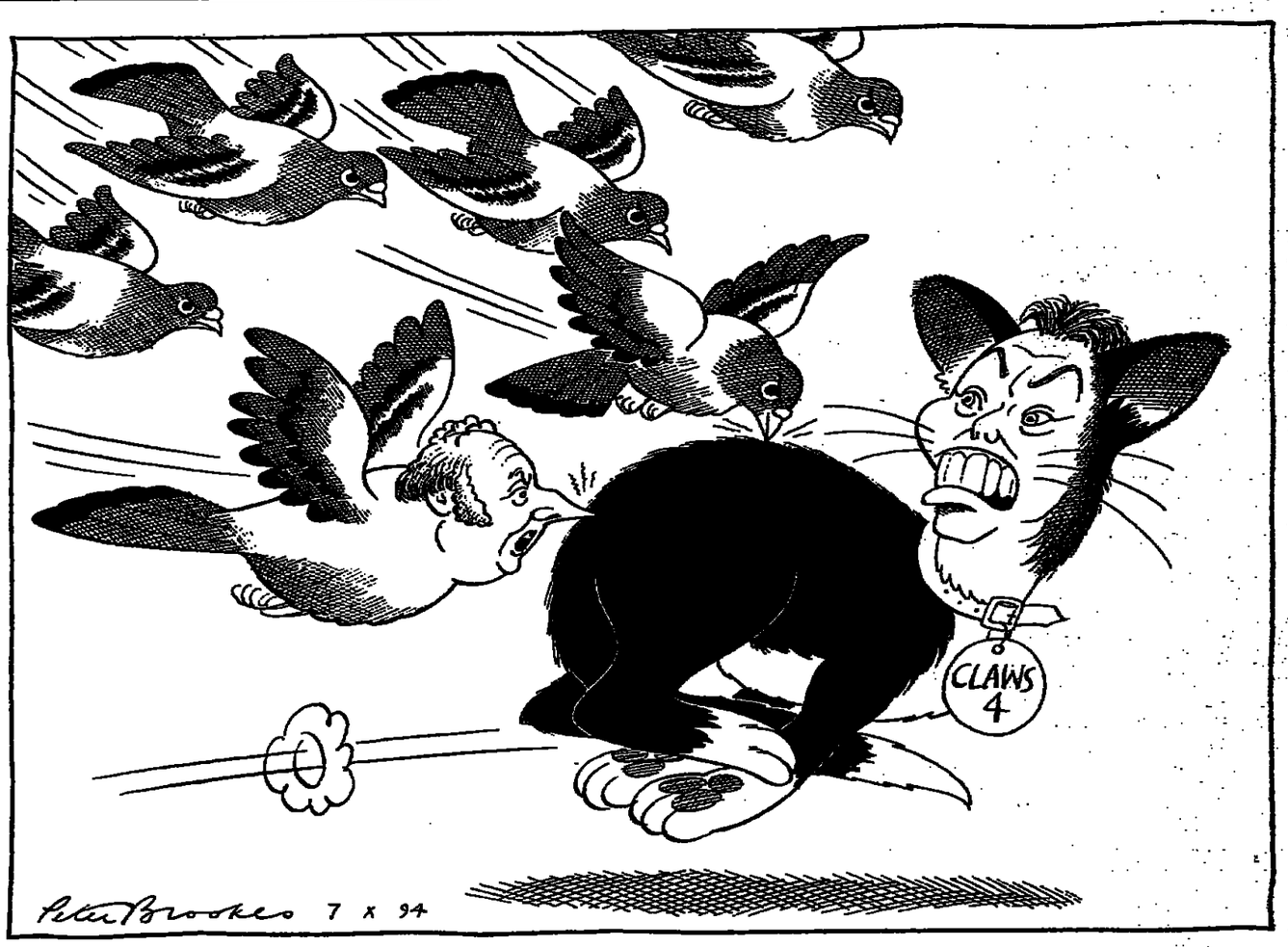
And now let us hear a cheer for the rat. Only in puritanical Anglo-Saxon societies and vocabularies is the rat the symbol of loathing. And it is an inadequate and racialist explanation to say that other societies are dirty. The Egyptians made a god of the rat, but then they made gods of most animals. In India, rat is a symbol of wisdom, and Ganesha, the god of wisdom, rides on the back of the clever rat.

Rats are conspicuous by their absence from ancient plagues. In his meticulous record of the plague at Athens, Thucidydes notes that dogs and birds of prey that ate the corpses died also (an epizootic symptom unknown to the records of the Zoroastrian Towers of Silence going back four centuries). In his account of a plague at Rome, Livy records that cows made the pestilence last longer. No mention of rats.

The same word, *mus*, served for both mouse and rat in classical Greek and Latin. The citations speak of *mus* as ridiculous or exiguous, but not dirty or dangerous. I can find no mention of rat as rat, even in Juvenal, nor in Virgil's list of farm pests in the *Georgics*. *Rattus* as a name for supermouse came in in the 11th century from Teutonic.

Pas de rat. No Lat for rat. An explanation might be that the rat had not reached the Mediterranean in the golden age. There are images of a rodent called *mus* on coins, and in the exhibition of *Greek Gold* at the British Museum the catalogue describes a golden ring as bearing the image of a rat eating wheat. How could they tell it is not a *mus*?

The most popular children's pet animal is Mickey *Mus*, big and silly. Even in English, Ratty from *The Wind in the Willows* is lovable, but then he is a water rat, not one of those sewer rats who are said to be within 20 yards/feet/inches of you wherever you step in London. Rats get a terrible press in Britain because of ancestral memories and terror of dirt. But these are cunning, fierce, brave little rodents who are given no chance in a house full of Jack Russells, but to fight to the death. However, the good rat is a lost cause in English imagery. When public rhetoric needs the rudest epithet to describe not-quite proper Major James Hewitt, what animal does it reach for? What image does it splash? Life is not fair to rats.



Lost in the fog of law

As the ramshackle system that the law calls justice verges on collapse, the judges make even bigger fools of themselves

Bernard Levin

Well, now, if the judges are in trouble, it is surely for me, and nobody else, to make the trouble worse. For instance, Sir Thomas Bingham, who is the Master of the Rolls (and oh, my *word*, those rolls know who is the master of them) has — presumably, after long and patient study, very often far into the night until the candle (on his salary, I regret to say, he cannot afford electricity) gutters out — concluded, in the matter of the law, that something has to be done about "the serious ills of expense and delay".

Well, well, not for nothing was Sir Thomas nicknamed "Brainy Bingham" at Sedbergh. Though, if he will take a tiny suggestion from me, I think he should not be seen — as he is in a photograph in the *Financial Times* — rubbing shoulders with "Sir" Nicholas Lyell (the doubt in the inverted commas is because, as Shakespeare put it, "He is knight dubbed with unhatched rapier, and on carpet consideration" or, in the vernacular, he got a knighthood solely for being the Attorney-General), because if Lord Justice Scott has the bottle (and he just may have) to call the roll seriously over the Matrix Churchill case, Lyell will be lucky to get away with his ears, to say nothing of his job.

Where was I? Ah, yes. I was being astounded by the perception of our judges and lawyers and such, because last year they discovered that (courtesy of the *Financial Times*):

> ... court procedures were technical, inflexible, riddled with rules and often incomprehensible to litigants. The language of the law was littered with archaic and irrelevant jargon. Delay was widespread, leading to ever-increasing costs and frustrating the efficient conduct of commerce and industry ... Lord Woolf, the law lord, has been asked by Lord Mackay, Lord Chancellor, to look again at the civil justice system ... Lord Woolf has already floated a number of ideas ... he has suggested cases could be handled by teams of judges working together. *His final report is not expected for two years.*

Italics mine; well whose else would they be? Incidentally, all my experts tell me that Lord Woolf is by far the best of the bunch. He'd better be.

Now, then, Levin must have his fun, particularly when he is having it at the expense of the judges and the lawyers, but in this business even I feel real outrage. For many decades — literally many decades — our entire legal system was built — and still is — on the principle that the layman must not understand what is going on. From the Latin in which the language is enwrapped (though *their* Latin is mostly bogus) and the gruesome twosome between Bench and Bar that has made plain that the Mackay reforms have not been and — if the twosome have any say — never will be, instituted, to the poor bastard who just wants his rights and thinks he is going to find them in the High Court (though he might just as well put his money on the second favourite in the four-thirty at Lingfield), the system will defeat decency, not least because when a judge abandons a case because he wants to go on holiday nobody has the guts to sack him.

And only *now* have the judges and lawyers discovered that the ramshackle system is about to collapse, and leave us in something like India, which has a backlog of cases 100 years long. Not long ago I asked, in print, one of the senior judges involved in that terrible series of miscarriages of justice, whether he would apologise to an innocent man who had spent years in jail. Not too difficult, surely? But did he? The hell he did.

I now ask any High Court judge to abolish at a stroke — *next week* — the use of Latin in his court, and change to English — real English, not the gobbledegook kind that is worse than the Latin. Will any one of them do so? Not too difficult, surely? The hell he will.

Come, let me relax between rages. When I read the advertisements for judges — "The Lord Chancellor invites applications from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the office of Circuit Judge" — my first reaction was that the Lord Chancellor is a skinflint, confining the applications to no higher rung than a Circuit Judge. I, of course, expected — and still expect — to be at least a Law Lord, and if I don't get the position I shall spread a rumour that Lord Mackay doesn't know who Pufendorf was. Unfortunately, Pufendorf or no Pufendorf, the thing I most wanted is the return of capital punishment, which, alas, has been abolished by Parliament. I yearn to wear the black cap, and, of course, "I've got a little list, I've got a little list — they'll none of them be missed, they'll none of them be missed".

Then I read on, and all my hopes were dashed. Look at this monstrous closed shop:

> Applicants must have held a right of audience in the Crown Court or county courts for a period of ten years and should normally be aged between 45 and 60 on April 1, 1995, and have served in the office of Recorder (not necessarily on the circuit to which they seek assignment as a Circuit Judge) for a period of two years prior to that date.
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> The Lord Chancellor will recommend for appointment the can didates who appear to him to be best qualified regardless of ethnic origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion or (subject to the physical requirements of the office) disability.

That, you may say, is pretty comprehensive: even I took some time to find some exceptions — some, that is, who have to be rejected as judges. After all, very few have convictions for burglary or GBH, and even fewer are to be seen rubbing their hands and muttering about access to stolen goods. Well, what about people who can't speak a word of English? And what about people who are stone deaf? But that must be his lordship's lightest burden, considering that the last time I examined the judges of the High Court I found that 62 per cent were totally deaf, another 23 per cent partially, and the rest are usually asleep on the Bench. Though, come to think of it, there is one High Court judge — I won't give his name, because he might be embarrassed — whose regular pleasure is to be stripped naked by four enormous women, each of them weighing 20 stone, hung by the heels, and have Château Latour 1898 poured all over him. (Actually, you can guess the name — he is the one who always smells like claret.)

As for the business about the judges' accommodation, I have never heard such nonsense in my life. Only Brainy Bingham really stood up for sense, while Lord Ackner (he always was a nuisance) was bursting with rage at being treated like a commercial traveller. Now, let me get this straight; I have taken a massive poll, the question being "Is a commercial traveller more useful than a judge?", and the figures were: commercial traveller 88 per cent; judge 3 per cent; don't know 9 per cent. (It later transpired that the three points for the judge came from the judges' relations.)

But the most delightful explosion of *amour propre judiciale* came from Judge Wilson, of whom I have never heard before (well, I can't be following the lot around all the time); in an instant I had gone back to the wonderful uproar that greeted the original Mackay reforms, and specifically the one about solicitors being allowed to practise in the High Courts. The foaming, shrieking, roaring, snarling was wonderful music to my ears, and it went on for wonderful months, while never had I seen so many judges making fools of themselves in public.

Well, of course, Judge Wilson doesn't rate anything like that; what could? But he does his best. Offered accommodation in the local Berni Inn, he burst with rage. The advertising of judgeships brought him forty fits, saying that it was "a cynical exercise". As for the letter that all judges received, laying out what judicial kind of misbehaviour would lead to disciplinary proceedings, hear Judge Wilson: "I was very offended to receive it, and so was everyone else I have spoken to." Oh, my dear good justice; if you get offended to bursting by reading a letter that you claim was unnecessary, what would you think if a party of scofflaws knocked you down, debagged you, and painted your bottom red, white and blue? Heaven forfend that anyone should make such a disgraceful attack upon you, but even to contemplate it might help to calm you down.

Dammit all; in these 1,500 words I must have been in contempt of court at least fifty times; you must realise that you are only one more.

The way to beat Blair

The Tories must come clean, says

William Cash

If Kenneth Clarke's dismissal yesterday of Tony Blair's underlying political appeal as fantasy is anything to go by, the Tory Party is on the brink of a monumental mistake, however tempting it must be to gloat over the Labour leader's embarrassing defeat on Clause Four. The first rule in politics is never to believe your own propaganda, the second is that the electorate always makes up its mind for itself. We are in grave danger of forgetting both rules.

The opinion polls have consistently warned us that there is an increasingly critical mass of voters who no longer believe what the Tories say at all. We had better get to grips with this at once and take the threat of Tony Blair seriously. Much of what he says may be untenable and unpalatable to Tory supporters but we will not win the marginal seats on true blue votes alone. What is equally worrying is that our membership figures are in such steep decline.

For many, we are no longer seen as a recognisably Conservative Party. This has nothing to do with so-called party splits. Many of our former supporters will welcome the idea that Tony Blair is proposing to abandon Clause Four and are increasingly likely to enthuse about the sense of purpose and of direction which he seems to offer them.

How then can we set ourselves back on the path to restoring confidence in our ability to govern and in what we say and do?

First, the party must come clean and admit the mistakes which have been made. A little humility will go a long way. For example, why is it that we have not heard a single party spokesman concede that one of the main reasons for the recent tax increases, which have utterly flouted our electoral promises in 1992, is to recover from the massive acceleration of public borrowing largely caused by a stubborn determination to remain in the ERM long after it became "indefensible"?

Even the CBI Director General, Howard Davies, admitted this in a speech to German industrialists. Why do we not hear that the real reason for the massive improvement in our non-EU trade is because we are now out of the ERM? And the absurdity of not coming clean on all this is that those in commerce and industry know this to be true. A clear commitment never to go back into the ERM is what many of them are waiting to hear.

This would have several advantages. It would enable business to plan ahead by removing the uncertainty of a *possible return to the ERM*. Instead we would have a commitment never to agree to a single currency. It would also reveal Tony Blair's Achilles' heel.

By committing itself to the Maastricht process and the ERM Labour bears its own responsibility for conniving at the loss of jobs, the unnecessary increases in the burden of social security and other costs and for the tax increases which followed, including the increases in VAT on gas and fuel. At the same time the Liberal Democrats would be tarred with the same brush.

And what good would it be if we were to transfer more decisions back down to our local institutions if the real levers of governmental power and decisions over the public purse are taken increasingly in secret and obscure meetings in Ecofin and the European Monetary Institute? Both are dedicated to achieving convergence of the economies of the member states in the European Union.

What we can and should do is reduce the statute book and interference in the daily lives of the electorate. It is the very reverse which is happening. The added advantage of reducing the volume of legislation would be to reduce public expenditure by minimising the costly statutory and European Union duties heaped on a weary public as wave after wave of new legislation is driven through Parliament.

On every single aspect of policy we can outflank and out-manoeuvre the Labour Party by insisting upon and implementing our traditional policies. The Labour Party, *for its part, is far more deeply and instinctively entrenched in the abandonment of sovereignty*. Labour is engaged upon handing us over lock, stock and barrel to a federal Europe. The Labour Party has a fatal flaw which runs deep into its soul — it believes in the State. It does not really believe in individual responsibility any more than it believes in free enterprise or freedom of choice.

These are the fundamental differences which have characterised the divide between the main political parties for generations. The Labour Party will revert to type if it ever gains power because at bottom those who lead the Labour Party have never really trusted the people of this country, or themselves, to deliver the goods.

Nothing that Tony Blair can say or do at his party's conference will overcome these *étatist* tendencies of the Labour Party and of its supporters. Their problem is not one of words or of slogans but of political culture, human behaviour and attitude.

We have only about 18 months in the run-up to the next general election to get this right. The decisions must be taken now. Had Sir Robert Peel changed his policy on the Corn Laws 18 months before he actually did he could have saved the Conservative Party from the political wilderness into which he propelled it. There is not a moment to be lost.

The author is Conservative MP for Stafford

Tanked up

TONY BLAIR is not the only one who has parked his tanks on John Major's lawn. On Wednesday night a 24-ton former British Army Centurion was roaring around Whitehall and finally drew up at the gates of Downing Street.

Police were unable to do anything because the tank is fully roadworthy and its driver has a licence. The tank belongs to John Gladden, who hit the headlines when he fought his local council in Croydon for the right to stick a 14ft fibreglass marlin on the roof of his semi-detached home.

Gladden led a protest yesterday against the Criminal Justice Bill. On his way home, he stopped off at the Clarence pub in Whitehall before driving on to pay his respects to the Prime Minister. A crowd gathered, police looked on and then Gladden roared off home. The tank is parked most of its time outside South Norwood police station near his house, where it receives a daily parking ticket. Nobody seems willing, or able, to tow it away and recently a patrol car ploughed into it.

"Next week I'm planning to come back and stall it in the middle of Whitehall," he warned.



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Scotland Yard is resigned to such threats: "Mr Gladden is well known to us. But we don't often see tanks at Downing Street."

Moon diver

BUZZ ALDRIN, the second man to walk on the Moon, is busy exploring a new world. At the Savoy yesterday, he advised the likes of Lords King and Forte that humankind should be concentrating on Mars now that we have conquered the Moon. But he told me at the Business Traveller Awards that he is peering into the deep.

"I've been as high as you can. Now I'm going in the opposite direction. I've taken up scuba-diving in a big way. And I'm teaching my wife, Lois."

Last orders

MORE on the convivial wake which followed the memorial service of Colony Club proprietor Ian Board, whose cauliflower of a nose has been the subject of debate. Champagne flowed freely among the mourners, including George Melly and Lisa Stansfield.

Towards the end of an emotional day, Board's ashes, kept in a Japanese sake bottle above the bar, were brought down and a club member tried to drink them. "Someone raised them to his mouth," admits Michael Wojas, Board's successor as proprietor. "It was a close-run thing but I dissuaded him."

Labour scores

SOME fancy political footwork from Sir Bobby Charlton. Fresh from his sporting tour to South Africa with John Major, the dome-headed legend pitched up at Blackpool. He expressed reservations about the Labour leader's commitment to sport. "I don't know if he's keen on football."

"Of course he is," retorts Alastair Campbell, Blair's spokesman-in-waiting: "He supports Newcastle United." Blair clearly turns a blind eye to the politics of the Magpies' formidable chairman, Sir John Hall, who is more of a Thatcherite than Thatcher.

● *They've got James Hewitt's tawdry account*, Princess in Love, *off their presses. Now the book's Suffolk-based printers, Clays, are busying themselves with their next blockbuster:* Crossing the Threshold of Hope, *by Pope John Paul II.*

Going private

LITTLECOTE House in Berkshire, the Elizabethan mansion owned by the cigar-chomping tycoon Peter de Savary, is to shut to the public next summer despite complete refurbishment for paying visitors two years ago. Lack of interest in the sailing fanatic's far from modest country home is blamed.

De Savary insists it is no reflection of his financial position — even though Placeton, his private property company, went into receivership earlier this year.

Owners of craft shops in the grounds are not being allowed to set up again next year but de Savary dismisses local rumours that he is about to decamp. "I am not moving out of Littlecote," he insists.

● *Desperate measures are being taken by the Tories to counter Tony Blair, despite his defeat yesterday over Clause Four. Scottish Secretary Ian Lang is to address pupils at the Labour leader's old school, Fettes, in Edinburgh today.*

HOW'S NEXT WEEK'S SPEECH COMING ALONG MR MAJOR?



Shooting trip

JAZZ pianist Jools Holland was as conspicuous as a grouse out of heather at an upper-crust gathering to celebrate *The Harpers & Queen Book of The Season* on Wednesday night at Holland & Holland, the gunmakers.

Rubbing shoulders with pipe-smoking colonels and the odd major, such as Ronald Ferguson, he explained that his preferred sport was greyhound racing.

"I only go shooting if I've had some LSD," he said casting around for his wife, Lady Durham. "And the fact that Holland & Holland have the same name as me is pure coincidence."



Party mood: Jools Holland and Lady Durham

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HOW TO FIGHT BLAIR

With frankness about the past and the present

Labour's old lags yesterday gave the Conservatives the ammunition they have been waiting for all week. By backing Clause Four and calling for a campaign "against capitalism and the causes of capitalism", the delegates brought hope to every Tory speechwriter who was wondering from where his next easy laugh was coming.

Although the vote was so close that many traditional militants must have already decided to back Tony Blair's revolution, the result must be counted as a failure for the Labour leadership. The Conservatives can now concentrate their fire on Labour's weakest spot, the mass of members and power-brokers for whom the new leader is merely the means to an old collectivist, anti-capitalist end. Labour, as Mr Blair's own advisers admit, is still an unreformed party with a reforming boss: Tory speakers will be encouraged to patronise that boss, following the example of Kenneth Clarke on the *Today* programme yesterday, and to punish the party activists who would pull the strings of a Labour government.

For the Prime Minister, however, there is a need to do more than that. The danger is that he may be lulled by yesterday's events into merely picking policy "plums" and tactical rabbits out of his hat. If that were to happen, Labour's militants will have done the modernisers the very favour they were attempting to deny them. John Major must be the cold realist of the contemporary political scene. He must face up to his new opponent, to the new circumstances and to his own past failures. That is his best way off the slope to defeat.

A year has passed since the débâcle of "back to basics". The temptation for an unpopular Prime Minister facing a dynamic young opponent will be to offer more gimmicks, slogans and instant policy sensations. Mr Major must resist these lures. Success or failure will much depend upon the tone which he strikes. He must betray neither panic nor complacency. He must present the Tory record with the mixture of celebration and contrition that it properly merits.

Modernising a party, he can say, is not the same as modernising a nation. Managing a party requires a narrower range of skills than the management of a nation. Mr Major, a party manager himself before he tried the mantle of statesmanship, must draw this key distinction betwen Mr Blair's role and his own. The burden which a Leader of the Opposition bears is light compared with that shouldered by a Prime Minister. Mr Major should make clear that talking about responsibility — which Mr Blair does convincingly — is not the same as taking it.

The Prime Minister should declare that those who take responsibility make mistakes — and that he has made them. This Government's general refusal to admit to its errors has cost it dear. Mr Major could, for example, do much to restore his credibility by conceding that Britain's adventure in the ERM was a legitimate foreign policy venture which, like many such initiatives by medium-sized powers in a complex world, was a failure. He will not like to say so: but the Tories compounded the error by staying in the ERM too long. He pretended last year that reform of the criminal justice system would be greatly easier to implement than it turned out to be.

Operating any policy is harder than talking about it. All ministers can make that clear. To operate an education policy is harder than to declare education, in Mr Blair's words, as a "passion". This Government has often made it look very hard — and should admit so. The right balance between executive efficiency and accountability has yet to be struck in many areas of reformed government. That should be said too. There are too many quangos and too many placemen. By admitting that mistakes have been made, Mr Major might show the public that he is capable of correcting them. The voice of hard experience would resonate louder than than the voice of apology.

This would enable the Prime Minister to present the true achievements of the Government and to pose the question: who is the best custodian of the reforms that have been achieved over the last 15 years? Mr Blair has edged his party towards free markets, individualism, controlled public spending, reasonable taxation, and tougher law and order policies. In so doing, he has paid an extraordinary — if oblique — compliment to Tory success. Mr Major should not rely on attacking the part of the Labour Party that is unreformed. He should not accuse the Opposition leader of being a Tory in disguise. He should try to show himself as the man who has helped to make the modern political consensus, who is acting to put it into practice and who can be best trusted with its future.

A FOOLISH QUARREL

Berlusconi's enemy is Italy's deficit, not its magistrates

The timing of the latest episode in the rumbling feud between the government of Silvio Berlusconi and the powerful team of magistrates conducting Italy's anti-corruption investigations is worse than unfortunate. After a summer in which it had seemed incapable of coherent policymaking, the Freedom Alliance coalition last week acquired a much-needed aura of determination, competence, and unity with the publication of its unexpectedly courageous austerity budget for 1995. The impact could easily be dissipated by a showdown with the magistrates. Whatever the merits of the government's case that some of them are abusing their powers, it can do itself nothing but damage by legal proceedings against a judiciary that has shown itself independent-minded as well as formally independent.

Confrontation will put the spotlight back where Signor Berlusconi least wants it: away from his policies, and onto the conflicts of interest between his business empire and the conduct of government. The Milan magistrate at the centre of the latest uproar may well have been wrong to make public hints, later retracted, that the Prime Minister could be implicated by investigations into illegal deals concerning a television channel in which he has a 10 per cent stake. Worries that the Milan magistrates are becoming too involved in politics are not confined to the Italian Cabinet. But he will inevitably be suspected of seeking to curtail the judicial inquiry before it touches him personally.

Signor Berlusconi should allow nothing to deflect him from his paramount task, which is to restore Italy's finances. Inflation is now at its lowest since the 1960s, and growth of 3 per cent is in prospect. But the recovery depends critically on fiscal and budgetary reform. Should he fail, Italy is headed for deep financial crisis. The budget is the first, indispensable step towards sound money, without which there is little prospect of institutional reforms. Policy is hamstrung by public debt equivalent to 125 per cent of gross domestic product — 300 per cent, if unfunded pension liabilities are included.

The 1995 budget will not only cut the deficit by £11.8 billion, to around 8 per cent of GDP; it also, more significantly, makes a start on reforming Italy's fraud-ridden and unaffordable pension structure and inefficient health system — sacred cows that other governments flinched from touching. To have swung Gianfranco Fini and Umberto Bossi, his far from pliable coalition partners, behind these essential measures is Signor Berlusconi's first significant triumph.

The axe has been wielded across the board, but pensions are the most explosive issue. It had to be tackled: financing the gap between contributions and payments accounts for half the budget deficit. But having decided, rightly, that there was no placating the unions and that radicalism was his best course, he must now contend with labour unrest. The rock-throwing union demonstration in Rome this week was just a curtain-raiser: next come a civil service strike on Thursday and a general strike the day after. Italians know that things have to change. But Signor Berlusconi will still need all the political authority he can muster to carry the budget through parliament. Only then can he turn to overhauling Italy's tax system, labour laws and webs of regulation. A fight with the magistrates is the worst way to start what will inevitably be a difficult autumn.

BERLIN THE BANANA

The boat has stopped, but the abuse lingers on

As our travel correspondent writes today, time has been called on the banana boats. Our sadness is exceeded only by our surprise that these venerable packets were still afloat. The world has chugged a long way since the days when Josephine Baker danced before Parisian audiences wearing little more than bananas bunched around her waist. The fruit is now a staple, although it has still not entirely shaken off its exotic image. Britons, who have outgrown the wartime banana complex, were giv-en a renewed taste of the fruit's hypnotic powers by the frenzied banana-*lust* of East Germans after unification. As a German wag observed at the time — *no doubt* in between mouthfuls — "the *Ossies* did not vote for democracy but for the banana".

If New York is the Big Apple, Berlin must certainly be the Big Banana. This deification of the banana is a welcome change in the fruit's historical image. Honduras has never relished — and may finally have outgrown — its status as the original Banana Republic. But it was, along with its neighbours in Central America, notorious for the political conditions in which its banana plantations flourished. In the pocket of giant fruit companies, its rulers governed with harsh caprice, vindicating Emerson's observation that "where the banana grows man is sensual and cruel".

Germany is today the authentic Banana Republic, stripping the description at last of those Central American connotations which Hergé exploited in *Tintin and the Picaros*. Instead, the banana has become a symbol of the European Union's reluctance to live up to its free-trading rhetoric. Claiming that EU rules on the import of bananas — which favour Caribbean producers — are an unlawful infringement on the right of Germans to eat ever more "dollar" bananas, they took the matter to the European Court of Justice.

They lost, and their loss has brought respite to those gentle islands to which the banana boat will no longer sail. But the reprieve may be only temporary: for the banana has in the New World a cruel history. "Daylight she come an' I wanna go home."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Traffic control in City of London

From Mrs Barbara Newman

Sir, The traffic management scheme in the City of London (letters, October 4, 5) is part of a major programme, planned since 1989, to enhance life on City streets for pedestrians and improve traffic flows on the City's through routes. It is not a system of roadblocks and it does not prevent anyone from coming into the heart of the City. It merely channels traffic as it enters the core of the City, encouraging through traffic on to the City's main roads. Delays at access points are rare and brief.

It was the subject of wide public consultation which generated intense debate. The Corporation worked hard to accommodate sensible suggestions. All objections from statutory consultees were withdrawn so there was no need for a public inquiry.

The scheme has the widespread support of the City community, particularly the business City, as an independent MORI poll revealed. Its benefits are absolutely clear: crime in the City is down by 17 per cent, within the scheme road accidents are down by 40 per cent and pollution is down by up to 15 per cent. It has been implemented at no extra cost to ratepayers.

It is first and foremost a traffic management scheme. But it provides a useful means for the City of London Police to extend its policing in the City. The risk of further terrorist attack might well be reduced — but it has not gone away.

So long as the scheme has the support of the City, it will remain in place.

Yours sincerely,
B. P. NEWMAN
(Chairman), Planning and *Transportation Committee*,
Corporation of London,
Guildhall, EC2.
October 5.

From Mr J. C. Munro

Sir, Despite the opinions of your correspondents (October 4, 5) I find that the City is a much pleasanter and cleaner place in which to work since the implementation of the anti-terrorist scheme. However could the City corporation which maintains its open spaces within the Square Mile so well be persuaded to replace the rather tacky red-and-white plastic barriers with flower beds and planters?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. MUNRO,
77 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.
October 5.

Smoke in the air

From Professor Michael Hull

Sir, An airline defends its sitting an asthmatic boy immediately in front of the smokers on a transatlantic flight by arguing that "the important point is that [he and his sister were in] non-smoking seats" (report, October 3). I recently flew London to Montreal. Within minutes I was fanning cigarette smoke back over my shoulder from the row just behind me. Within three hours the cabin was full of recycled smoke and there was no escape for any of the non-smoking majority. On arrival my clothes smelled like an ashtray.

I appreciate the need of addicted smokers on a long journey. There is a dilemma and airlines must choose between the comfort of their smoking and non-smoking passengers, even if only on the utilitarian issues of the greater good and commercialism.

On my flight there were complaints from non-smokers furthest away from the smokers, whom they outnumbered three to one. It would be not only a small minority who would benefit from a total ban on smoking. As for commercialism, I for one will not fly a smoking airline again. Could not airlines make small smoking lounges with independent ventilation and charge extra for the privilege?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HULL,
12 Westbury Park, Bristol, Avon.
October 4.

Money to burn

From Mr S. R. Lancelyn Green

Sir, The reported anger at the burning of £1 million on the island of Jura is understandable (report, October 4), but it should be noted that nothing has actually been destroyed except some paper. The demise of these notes will have slightly countered the inflationary effect of printing money with the result that we are all very slightly better off. Thanks!

Now if Bill Drummond and Jimmy Cauty would like to come to our bonfire party on November 5, I am sure we will have a more convivial evening and a warmer fire and I could introduce them to our plans for restructuring a 330-year-old local charity where just one twentieth of a million would set us up for the next hundred or two years.

Yours in wishful thought,
S. R. LANCELYN GREEN,
Poulton Hall, Poulton Lancelyn,
Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside.
October 5.

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A rally to the defence of beleaguered Berks and Bucks

From the High Sheriff of the Royal County of Berkshire

Sir, How lucky the people of Buckinghamshire are to have Simon Jenkins who writes so eloquently in defence of their county ("Bucking the national trend", October 1). Would that neighbouring Berkshire could find a forceful voice to speak up on its behalf. Having been severely truncated by the Heath Government in 1974, what remains of the Royal County now stands in grave danger of being totally dismembered for good and all.

Sadly, I have yet to hear any of the county's seven MPs defend Berkshire as an administrative unit. Indeed most of the local councillors appear to be mainly intent on carving mini-empires for themselves from out of the county's ruins. When a so-called public consultation exercise was run by the present local authorities in Berkshire earlier this year the option of retaining the county council was not amongst those on offer.

From the comments I hear in the course of my duties and the letters I receive, some from people who mistakenly believe that I am in a position to influence the Local Government Commission, I conclude there are many like me who are dismayed by the possible demise of Berkshire. And to add insult to injury, we must assume that our unique title of Royal County, a cherished honour bestowed on us by the Queen in 1957 in response to a petition submitted by the County Council, will disappear at the same time as the council.

It is said that disbanded counties may be permitted to retain their names for ceremonial, cultural and sporting purposes. So are we doomed to follow in the footsteps of poor Middlesex, now hardly more than a cricket club and a nostalgic suffix to a postal address?

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY MONSON,
Keepers Cottage,
Scarletts Wood, Hare Hatch,
Nr Reading, Berkshire.
October 1.

From Sir Ralph Verney, Bart

Sir, I wish to inform Simon Jenkins, who states that "there are no longer Verneys at Claydon", that the species is active and healthy and that Claydon, like the other great Buckinghamshire houses — Stowe, Waddesdon, West Wycombe, Hughenden, Bradenham — flourishes, albeit through the generosity and careful conservation of the National Trust and its two million members.

I have lived at Claydon myself, with a few intervals, for the past 79 years, as have my forebears for more than 500, and my son and grandson are now about to move in.

I also resent Mr Jenkins's description of Buckinghamshire as a "timid little county, lacking style or a sense of romance". Has he forgotten how we threw out the Roskill Commission on London's Third Airport, and burned its report, in spite of all the economists under Professor Walters? "We shall not be moved," sang Cleo Laine.

Does Mr Jenkins not know how we saved the Chilterns area of outstanding natural beauty as London's lung and green belt, when the government of the day planned to extend Metroland to Aylesbury, by volunteering with the blessing of the whole county community 23,000 acres of north Buckinghamshire land to be the site for the largest-ever new town of Milton Keynes?

Has Mr Jenkins forgotten how the Buckinghamshire police force, under their gallant Chief Constable, Brigadier John Cheney, apprehended the Great Train Robbers in 1963; how we kept our ancient grammar schools and only lost Eton College from the county because the Slough Borough Council thought they could dominate Berkshire instead of playing the game in Bucks. The yeomen of Buckinghamshire have not forgotten.

In shire after shire, at last year's county council elections, the result of a tepid poll was "no overall control". Only one beacon, Buckinghamshire, retained its loyalty to a caring leadership. That was the moment, I thought, to throw politics out of the top window of County Hall, smash it on the pavement in front of John Hampden's statue, and return to the Christian values of responsible local government.

The light went out with Hampden's death at Chalgrove Field, in neighbouring Oxfordshire: but it still shines across the Vale of Aylesbury, lighting up Henry James's treasured "midmost unmitigated England". Really, Mr Jenkins: a timid little county, with no style or romance?

Yours expectantly,
RALPH B. VERNEY
(Vice-Lord Lieutenant (formerly Vice-Lieutenant) of Buckinghamshire, 1965-84; High Sheriff, 1957-58),
Claydon House,
Middle Claydon, Buckinghamshire.
October 2.

From Councillor Mrs Pam Priestley

Sir, I write on behalf of Buckinghamshire's five district/borough councils (Aylesbury Vale, Milton Keynes, Chiltern, South Bucks and my own) to say that we are amazed at the conclusions drawn by Simon Jenkins.

Far from wishing local government to remain in its present form, the people of Buckinghamshire have expressed an overwhelming wish (72 per cent of the 21,662 who responded to the Local Government Commission's household survey) to change to a unitary system of local government.

The territorial roots of local politics, far from being weakened, will be strengthened by such a change as local authorities become more accountable to their local communities. As Mr Jenkins remarks, Bucks is no stranger to politics; its politicians are also no strangers to true local democracy — reflecting the wishes of the people.

Yours faithfully,
PAM PRIESTLEY (Deputy Leader),
Wycombe District Council,
Queen Victoria Road,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
October 3.

Christians in China

From the Reverend Keith Clements

Sir, Your report, "Missionary attacks Carey's Bible ban" (later editions, September 24) seemed to suggest that because Archbishop Carey's visit to China was under official sponsorship he was unable to visit the countryside, where most Christians live.

As one whose parents were evangelical missionaries in China I was able earlier this year to revisit the area in the remotest mountains of south Sichuan where they worked and where I was born. I was in a group of British and Irish church workers whose visit was co-ordinated by the "official" church body, the China Christian Council.

Although that area in Sichuan is officially closed to foreigners, specific approval for this part of our itinerary was granted by the Peking authorities. It was a moving experience to be welcomed by a thriving and growing Christian community of the Miao mountain tribespeople, who for over 40 years, without any contact with the outside world, have maintained their faith and witness and are still able to use their original Bibles and hymn books in their own language.

They do face real problems, not least because their church building has been taken over by the authorities for use as a school, and as yet they have not been able to have their meeting places registered. But the churches belonging to the China Christian Council in a neighbouring area are seeking to help them, and we were able to have positive and cordial discussions with local government officials on these matters.

Any assumption of a sharp dichotomy between "official" and "unofficial" Chinese Christian groups does not do justice to the complex and changing reality of the Chinese religious scene, which forbids easy generalisations. It is, after all, little more than 10 years since virtually *all* churches were still closed after the dark night of the Cultural Revolution.

Western Christians, rightly concerned to help their Chinese counterparts, must beware of projecting on to them their own interests and even rivalries, which will promote a new divisiveness rather than the strengthening of Chinese Christianity as a whole. To do so would be to repeat some of the more unfortunate aspects of the missionary era.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH CLEMENTS
(Co-ordinating Secretary for International Affairs),
The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland,
Inter-Church House,
35-41 Lower Marsh, SE1.
September 27.

From the Reverend John Pritchard

Sir, I worked as a British missionary in Africa for nine years, I now head a leading mission agency, and I have visited China several times.

Chinese Christians are making a much better job of evangelism than we are in Europe. The Church in China is growing at around 10 per cent a year. They need British missionaries like Chinese cuisine needs burger chains.

Much of the suffering of the Chinese Church over the last century has arisen from its association (real or imagined) with Western imperialism and Bible-smuggling is far more likely to hinder than to assist Christian mission. The Archbishop of Canterbury rightly sees that collaboration with Chinese Christians, not externally-directed operations, is sensible, sensitive and effective.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. PRITCHARD
(General Secretary, Methodist Church Overseas Division),
25 Marylebone Road, NW1.

From Mrs Jean Brabender

Sir, Having lived in China during the last two years, may I give my findings on the supply of Bibles in the large city of Wuhan in Hubei province. Bibles supplied and printed in English by a Canadian company are sold commercially in one of the modern stores. Stocks are sold quickly, but only to those who can afford the £4.

New Testaments and Bibles printed in China in the Mandarin language are to be purchased at the church in Hankou, at prices most Chinese can pay. When students from minority groups in the 56 regions who attend the South Central College for Nationalities in Wuhan return to their homes in the remote areas they are at liberty to take Bibles with them. Some of these were donated about six years ago by an American professor for a class at a Wuhan university. They were used by students majoring in English as one of their text books.

Yours sincerely,
JEAN BRABENDER,
6 Kirkburn Road,
Strathblane, nr Glasgow.
September 26.

Party politics

From Mr Stephen Mahony

Sir, It used to be said that much of postwar politics was an argument about whether a socialist Britain was better run by the Conservative Party or the Labour Party. After Mr Blair's speech (report, October 5), it seems that the debate is now about which party is better able to run a free-market economy. We must wait to know whether the electorate prefers policies of conviction or convenience.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN MAHONY,
Broadclose House,
Babcary, Somerton, Somerset.

From Mr I. A. Sandilands

Sir, Your leader of October 5, "Blair the bold", is correct, I think in suggesting that "civic Conservatism" is not a contradiction in terms; but it is mistaken in suggesting that the Tories "have come to the idea rather late".

I would have said, for example, that Birmingham between 1880 and 1910, the Joseph Chamberlain era, exhibited civic Conservatism at its best. It is the policies of the Thatcher years that insidiously undermined the concept.

Yours,
I. A. SANDILANDS,
24 Anglesey Road,
Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire.

From the Reverend Alan Hughes

Sir, During the 1940s Collins published an excellent little series of books *Britain in Pictures*. Arthur Elton wrote one on British railways. I offer his final paragraph from 1945:

For many years almost everyone of all political parties has agreed that the co-ordination between rail and road must be kept up, though people differed as to how this should be done. The Labour party has decided to nationalise the railways and the roads, and to buy out the shareholders. The party argues that it would not be possible to have railways controlled by the State and road transport left to develop under private ownership. Each must be regulated in relation to the other. With nationalisation the Labour party will seek to prove that modern society can find an incentive to efficiency other than the competitive struggle for profit. The prototype of the General Post Office suggests that they will succeed.

The one thing history does teach us is that we do not learn its lessons.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HUGHES
The Vicarage, Kirkbymoorside, York.

From Mr Russell Burlingham

Sir, Has any political commentator yet recognised that Mr Blair's Clause Four campaign is also the laurel crown of Lady Thatcher's premiership?

Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL BURLINGHAM,
Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr N. G. Hanson

Sir, Do you consider that Tony Blair's new commitment to "telling it as it is" (speech report, October 5) would extend to the singing of the *Internationale* on Friday?

Yours sincerely,
N. GORDON HANSON,
4 West Street, Abbotsbury, Dorset.
October 5.

Feel-good buys

From Mr George Crowther

Sir, When feeling extravagant (Mrs Hink's letter, October 4) I buy Ordnance Survey Landranger maps for areas which I never intend to visit, and reprints of old Ordnance Survey maps of urban areas first published in 1900.

This month I would like to be really extravagant, and to buy my wife ten times as many tulip bulbs as normal.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE CROWTHER,
Beanfield House,
Higherford, Nelson, Lancashire.

Brewer's rats

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Bernard Levin ("Revenge of the rat catcher", October 6) wonders about the origin of the exclamation "rats!" and regrets that Brewer offers no help.

As the person currently engaged in editing and partly rewriting "the frightful fellow" (as Levin calls it) for a new, 15th, edition to be published next year, I intend to propose that "rats!" is probably a form of "rot!" (it is American in origin), while at the same time conveying that the exclaimer feels "ratty". If anyone has any other plausible theory, I would be interested to hear from them.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
12 High Street,
St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
October 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 6: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Royal Exchange Theatre Company's production of Julius Caesar at the Royal Exchange Theatre, St Anne's Square, Manchester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 6: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon attended a meeting of the Children and Young Persons' Special Interest Group of Grant-giving Trust at the Thomas Coram Foundation, 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this evening attended a Dinner at Post Office Headquarters, 148 Old Street, London EC1.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 6: The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne at the Memorial Service for the Hon. Mrs Shand which was held in St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, Wilton Place, London SW1, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 6: The Duchess of Gloucester today presented Awards at the 1994 Midland Diamonds Luncheon at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor). Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a reception at Lancaster House at 8.00 to mark London Fashion Week.

The Princess Royal, as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a council meeting and the launch of the association's silver jubilee year at Saddlers' Hall at 10.55.

Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr P.V. Dickins; Upper Warden, Mr W.G.H. Fuller; Renter Warden, Mr B.G. Holliday.

Fuellers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Fuellers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr W.M. Pybus; Senior Warden, Mr M.R.T. Bryer Ash; Junior Warden, Mr C.E. Wilkinson.

Lord Tope

The life barony conferred upon Mr Graham Norman Tope has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Tope, of Sutton in the London Borough of Sutton.

Reception

Mrs John Major
Mrs John Major was host yesterday at a reception held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, Reading, 1575; John Marston, dramatist, Wardington, Oxfordshire, 1576; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire, 1734; Caroline Anne Southey, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1786; Niels Bohr, atomic physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1885.

DEATHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Venice, 1612; Antonio Sacchini, composer, Paris, 1786; Thomas Reid, philosopher, Glasgow, 1796; Edgar Allan Poe, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1894; Walter William Skeat, etymologist, Cambridge, 1912; Sir Hubert Parry, composer, Rustington, Sussex, 1918; Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia 1903-04, 1905-08 and 1909-10, Melbourne, 1919; Marie Lloyd, music hall singer, London, 1922; Harvey Cushing, pioneer of neurosurgery, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939; C.R.W. Nevinson, painter, London, 1946; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, Rome, 1959.

The bell was salvaged from the *Lutine* which sank off the coast of Holland, 1799. It was later presented to Lloyd's of London.

The first airline, KLM of Holland, was established, 1919.

The far side of the moon was photographed for the first time and pictures relayed back to earth by Russia's *Lunik III*, 1959.

Dinners

Institution of Chemical Engineers
Professor J. Garside, President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, welcomed past presidents, members of council and their ladies to the institution's council dinner held on Thursday, October 6, 1994, at Manchester Town Hall.

Old Sedberghian Club
Lord Shaw of Northstead presided at a dinner of the Old Sedberghian Club (London Section) held on October 6 at the RAC Club, Pall Mall. Sir Russell Fairgrieve, CBE, proposed the toast to the school and Mr John Morris replied. Mr Tim Hoult and Mr Robert Swan also spoke.

Horners' Company
The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented Mr Ross Kinneir of Kinneir Dufort Design with the Horners' Award for Plastics at the annual dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Dr Eric Millman Hunt, Master, presided, assisted by Mr John Webb, Upper Warden and Mr David Rogers, Renter Warden. Mr Alderman Bryan Toye also spoke.

Inner Temple
Sir Stephen Brown, Treasurer, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the Treasurer, Mr Daniel Hollis, QC, and Members of the Bench at dinner last night in the Inner Temple.

English-Speaking Union
General Sir Peter de la Billière was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the English-Speaking Union Chester branch held last night at Chester Town Hall. The Duke of Westminster, branch president, presided. Miss Joan Houghton, branch chairman, received the guests, who included Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English Speaking Union.

The Lord Mayor of Chester and Mrs Smith were the hosts at a reception held earlier in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund

The High Commissioner for India and Mrs Singhvi attended a "Far Pavilions" evening last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, in aid of the Indo-British Appeal of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Mrs Shon Randhawa was chairman of the evening. Mr Narindar Saroop, chairman of the appeal, and Mr Richard Hambro, chairman of the charity, were the speakers.

Memorial services

The Hon Mrs Shand

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Mrs Shand held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge.

The Rev Michael Courtauld officiated, assisted by the Rev Godfrey Broster. Mr Ben Elliot, grandson, read *When I am Dead* by Christina Rossetti and Mr Tom Parker Bowles, grandson, read *Journey for a Soul* by Pope John XXIII. Mr Mark Shand, son, read the lesson.

Among those present were:
Major Bruce Shand (husband), Brigadier and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles and Mr and Mrs Simon Elliot (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Laura Parker Bowles, Miss Alice Elliot and Miss Katie Elliot (grandchildren), Lord and Lady Ashcombe (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Diana Tunnicliffe (sister-in-law), Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, and Lady Howe, the Hon A Howe, Mrs Sarah Hutton and other members of the family.

Marquess and Marchioness of Donegall, the Marquess of Londonderry, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marchioness of Douro, the Countess of Shelburne, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl and Countess of Halifax, the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Countess Fortescue, Lord and Lady George Scott, Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Viscountess Astor, Viscount Gage, Viscountess Chaplin, Lord and Lady Desmond Chichester, Lady Rupert Nevill.

Lord Monk Bretton and Lady Monk Bretton (Lewes Eastbourne Branch, NSPCC), Lord Bruntisfield, Lady Hesketh, Victoria Lady Palmer, Lady Manton, Lady Hesketh, Lady Loch, Lady Baring, Lady Brassey of Apethorpe, Mr Timothy Renton, MP, and Mrs Renton, Lady Annabel Goldsmith, Lady Rose Clowes, Lady Caroline Faber, Lady Sarah Keswick, Lady Elizabeth Baxendale, Lady Amabel Lindsay.

Lady Charlotte Fraser, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Lady Victoria Waymouth, the Hon Mrs Forbes Adam, the Hon Mrs Haddon, the Hon Robert Corbett, the Hon Richard and Mrs Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Keppel, the Hon Piers St Aubyn, the Hon Serena Fairfax, the Hon Mark Wyndham, the Hon Mrs Bridge, the Hon Mrs Wyndham, the Hon Julian and Mrs Fane, Sir Geoffrey Shakerley.

Lady Dundas, Major Sir Fergus Matheson, Sir George and Lady Kennard, Sir Martyn and the Hon Lady Beckett, Sir Joshua and the Hon Lady Rowley, Anne Lady Jaffray, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex and Lady Bryson, the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Edward Ford, Sir David Hunt, Sir Ludovic and Lady Kennedy.

Major Sir David and Lady Butter, Lady Barnes, Sir John and Lady Figgess, Sir George and Lady Christie, Lady Aird, Lady Cazalet.


Mrs Parker Bowles

Major and the Hon Mrs Derek Allhusen, the Raj Mata of Jaipur, Princess Nicholas von Prussen, Baroness von Westenholz.

Mr and Mrs Nicholas Paravicini, Mr and Mrs David White, Colonel Greville Tufnell.

Mr William Harris, QC, and Mrs Harris, Mrs William Morrison, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs N Speke, Miss Elizabeth Winn, Miss Amanda Cubitt, Major John Surtess, Mr Richard Hambro, Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr Marc Birley, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Mr and Mrs Gerald Ward, Mrs Robin Fox, Mr Robert Fox, Mr and Mrs Richard Beckett, Mrs R Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Michael Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mrs H van Cutsem.

Mr and Mrs Charles Palmer-Tomkinson, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mrs Michael Pope, Mrs Graeme Jenkins, Mrs Peter Beckwith Smith, Mr and Mrs Christopher Smallwood, Mr Jonathan Pilkington, Mr Mark MacKenzie Charrington, Mr James Chichester.

Mr Nicholas Crosthwaite, Mrs E Parsons, Mr S Parker Bowles, Mrs Camilla Worthington, Colonel and Mrs H H van Straubenzee, Mr Rupert Lycett-Green, Mrs John Sheffield, Mr John Bowes Lyon.

Mr Hugo Meynell, Mr and Mrs R Pilkington, Mr Rupert Forbes Adam, Ms Arabella Forbes Adam, Mrs John Whitley, Mr and Mrs Neil Edmonstone, Mrs Amanda Hornby, Major Timothy Tufnell, Mr and Mrs John Wells, Mr Charles Smith-Bingham, Mr Henry Wyndham, Miss Melissa Wyndham, Mrs Ralph Cobbold.

Mr Nicholas Luard, Mrs S Brudenell-Bruce, Mr Michael Cory-Wright, Mrs G Mehta, Mr James Johnston and Mr Graham Ogilvie (Alexanders Easton Kinch).

Mr Colin Evans (South Down and Eridge Hunt) and Mrs Ben Hanbury (Chailey Heritage League of Friends).

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Sir Allan Davis

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Jonathan Charkham, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Allan Davis held yesterday at St Giles, Cripplegate.

The Rev David Rhodes officiated, assisted by the Rev Graham Blacktop, Chaplain to the Painters-Stainers' Company.

Mr Paul Davis and Mr Michael Davis, sons, read the lesson and Mrs Jane Wallace, daughter, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Right Rev Francis Rossiter, Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation, gave an address.

Miss Kathryn Rhian Price, cello, and Mrs Marian Price, piano, played *Kol Nidrei* by Max Bruch. The Lord Mayor-elect was represented by Mrs Christopher Walford.

Among others present were:
Lady Davis (widow), Mrs Michael Davis and Mrs Paul Davis (daughters-in-law), Mr Benjamin Davis (grandson), Miss Kathleen Davis (sister), Mr and Mrs Peter Davis (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Anthony Boxall (brother-in-law and sister).

Lord Robertson of Oakridge, Lady Moyra Browne (Research into Ageing), the Hon Gerard Noel, Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett (representing the Order of the British Empire), Sir Ralph Perring, Sir Andrew and Lady Cunynghame, Sir Edward Howard, Sir John Titman, Alderman Sir Alexander and Lady Graham, Sir John Wordie, Alderman Sir Alan Traill, Sir Colin Cole, Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell (Rothschild Asset Management).

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The Rev Dr Ronald Saunders, Mr Deputy Bernard L Morgan (City Livery Club), Mr Deputy Douglas Woodward (Cripplegate Ward) and Mrs Woodward, Mr Roy and Mrs Deputy Joyce Nash, Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson, Mr John Wall, Mr G R Rose, Mr Deputy and Mrs Jack Neary, Mr and Mrs Dennis Ballard, Mrs Deputy Ivy Sharp, Mr and Mrs Dermot Graham, Mrs Pauline Graham, Mr Frank and Mrs Deputy Edwina Coven, Miss Alison Fox, Mr Tony Hart, Mr Derek Edward, Mr Deputy R G Scriven, Mr Norman Searle, Mr and Mrs Patrick Elliott, Miss Jane Elliott, Mrs Deputy M Evans, Mr and Mrs Ian Trafford.

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The Remembrancer of the City of London, the Chief Commoner, the City Surveyor, the Town Clerk, the Keeper of Guildhall, the Rev J M Paul (representing the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's), Mr William Taylor (commissioner, City of London Police), Mr Anthony Mallinson (Slaughter and May), Mr Ronald W Honour (Saffery Champness), Mr Raoul Franklin (City University) and Mrs Franklin, Mr Nick Anstee (Arthur Andersen), Miss Caroline Phillips (Cripplegate Foundation), Mr David Macfarlane (St Raphael's Hospice) and Mrs Macfarlane, Mr Trevor Turner (St Bride's Church and Publicity Club of London).

Mr Chris Sang (Fiat Motor Sales), Miss Janet Loryman (British Gas, North Thames), Mr K C S Wood (St Luke's Trust), Mr Anthony Pellegrini (headmaster, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Kensington), Commander Peter Saunders (Morden College) with Mr A S Phillips (surveyor to the trustees); Mr Andrew Billington and Mr Hugh Kemsley (Winged Fellowship Trust), Mr Brian Botting (represeing the chairman, Queenhithe Ward Club), Brigadier G Viner (Papal Knights), Mr Simon Gray (representing Special Trustees of St Bartholomew's Hospital), Miss J Steggles (City of London Red Cross), Mr David Imrie (Guildhall School), Mr T Pitton (Grant Thornton), Mr Henry Fitt (Manchester Unity Oddfellows), Mr Keith Benn (Hart Bros), Miss Elizabeth Candy (Head Mistress, Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton), Mr Robert Benson (Knights of the Holy Sepulchre), Mr A H P Gillett (Kemsley Whiteley and Ferris), Mr Derek Kemp (London Non-Destructive Testing Company) and Mrs Kemp, Mr Dennis Delderfield (editor, *City of London and Dockland Times*) Mr John O'Sullivan (City of London Circle of Catenian Association), Mr John Duggan (Langbourn Ward Club), Mr Norman Hall (Association of Chief Commoners) and Mr Freddie Dunkelman (Dunkelman and Son) and Mrs Dunkelman.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Edinburgh

Ordination
Edward Coombs was ordained Deacon at St Thomas's, Edinburgh, by The Most Rev Richard Holloway, Primus and Bishop of Edinburgh. Mr Coombs will serve as Curate at St Thomas's.

Diocese of St Andrews

Ordination
Eric Nicholson Ramsay was ordained Deacon at St Mary's, Kirriemuir, by the Right Rev Michael Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews. Mr Ramsay is to serve as Assistant Minister at St John's, Forfar and St Mary's, Kirriemuir.

Diocese of Argyll & the Isles

Appointment
The Rev John Bettely, Rector of St Andrews, Callander, and Priest-in-Charge at Aberfoyle and St Moore's, Doune, to serve as Rector of St John's, Ballachulish and St Mary's, Glencoe with St Ninian's, Onich.

Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

Appointments
The Rev John Girvan Turner, formerly *University Chaplain* attached to the team at St Mary's Cathedral, has moved to be Chaplain to the English speaking community in Berlin (diocese, Gibraltar).

The Rev Robert Shimwell, formerly Rector of St Silas, Glasgow, is now Vicar of St Mary, Upton (diocese, Chester). The Rev Mathew Colin Reed is Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity, Motherwell, and St Andrew's, Wishaw, where he was formerly Rector.

Retirals
The Rev Malcolm Wilson retired as Rector of St Bartholomew's, Gourock, in May.
The Rev Derek Wallace, Rector of St Mary's, Port Glasgow, retired from July 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E.J. Barker and Miss S. Soffe
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr Ernest Barker and the late Mrs Jean Barker, of Tile Hill, Coventry, and Sue, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs David Soffe, of Priors Marston, Warwickshire.

Mr R.M. Begg and Miss T.J. Bligh
The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Begg, of Hurlingham, Buenos Aires, and Teleri, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Bligh, of Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr J.T.J. Foord and Miss C.M. Lord
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of the late Robert Foord and of Mrs Robert Foord, of St Cross, Winchester, and Christina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Lord, of Cardiff.

Mr C. Greaves and Miss S.E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J. Greaves, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Siân Elisabeth, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Davies, of Llandudno, Gwynedd.

Mr W.P. Horsley and Miss L.C. Hinckley
The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Horsley, of Yass, New South Wales, Australia, and Louise Claire, elder daughter of the late D.N. Hinckley and of Mrs V.C. Ward, of Aisby, Lincolnshire.

Mr J.W. McMullon and Miss T. Lewis
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs S.J. McMullon, of Crowle, Worcestershire, and Triona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lewis, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.A. Goodman and Miss J.C. Wooters
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Alexander, only son of Mr and Mrs Terence Goodman, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Jennifer Corin, youngest daughter of Mr J. Dukes Wooters Jr and the late Mrs Mary K. Wooters, of New Canaan, Connecticut, USA.

Mr P.W.C. Moorsom and Miss K.T. Dearden
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Bruce Moorsom, of Rhayader, Powys, and Mrs Judy Arnold, of Little Cherington, Warwickshire, and Kathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dearden, of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

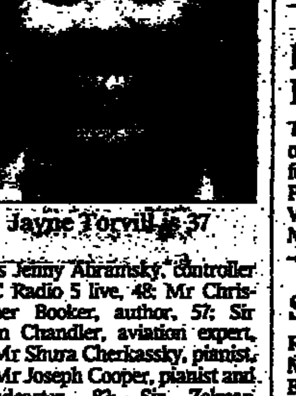
Mr T.J. Walker and Miss M.K.C. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Walker, of Melton, North Humberside, and Mary, only daughter of Dr and Mrs W.J. Wilkinson, of Hovingham, North Yorkshire.

Mr P.J.M. Wright and Miss P.K.L. Osborne
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Wright, of Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire, and Kibi, elder daughter of Mr J.S. Osborne, MBE, of Barrington Hall, Hereford, and Mrs C.I.M. Keirle, of St Saviour, Jersey.

Marriage

Mr A.W. Greensmith and Miss N.C. Griffiths
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 1, at St Leonards Mayfield Chapel, Sussex between Mr Ashley William Greensmith and Miss Nicola Catherine Griffiths.

Birthdays today


Jayne Torvill is 37

Miss Jenny Abramsky, controller BBC Radio 5 live, 48; Mr Christopher Booker, author, 57; Sir Colin Chandler, aviation expert, 55; Mr Shura Cherkassky, pianist, 83; Mr Joseph Cooper, pianist and broadcaster, 82; Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, former provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 75; Sir Andrew Derbyshire, architect, 71; Professor Harold Dexter, organist, 74.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher, 78; Dr Mark Girouard, architectural historian, 63; Lord Glenarthur, 50; Mr B.M.S. Hoban, former head master, Harrow School, 73; Mr Terence Hodgkinson, former director, Wallace Collection, 81; Mr Clive James, writer and broadcaster, 55; Mr Thomas Keneally, author, 59; Mr George Kynoch, MP, 48; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 81; Miss Yaltah Menuhin, pianist, 73; Mr R.J. Perry, governor, Gartree Prison, 47; Sir John Stocker, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 76.

Major-General Julian Thompson, 60; Miss Jayne Torvill, ice skater, 37; the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, 63; Sir Colin Walker, chairman, National Blood Authority, 60; Mr Yo Yo Ma, cellist, 39.

Lectures

Clifton College
The first Annual Strachan Lecture, Business Morality — People or Profit, was delivered by Dr Peter Vardy on Friday, September 30, in the Redgrave Theatre, Clifton College.

Founders' Company
Mr Colin Powell delivered the annual Robert Warner lecture to the Founders' Company yesterday at Founders' Hall. Dr D.V. Atterton, Upper Warden, presided.

Holborn Law Society

The following have been elected officers of the Holborn Law Society for the ensuing year:
President, Mr A.F. Whitehead; Vice-Presidents, Mr G.A. Hill and Mr W.J. Furber.

Service dinners

RN Regulating Branch
Mr P.J.Ryan, Commandant of Bramshill Police Staff Training Centre, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the officers of the Royal Naval Regulating branch held last night in *HMS Excellent*, Portsmouth. Lieutenant-Commander T.K. Daniel, Provost Marshal (Navy), presided.

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps guest night dinner held last night at their headquarters mess, Chatham. Among those present were:
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Admiral Sir Jock Slater, General Sir Martin Farndale, General Sir Jeremy Blacker and Sir David Lees.

Appointment

Lady Mary Holborow has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall in succession to Viscount Falmouth who retires on October 31.

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BIRTHS

AGAR - On September 27th, to Caroline (née Salisse) and Nicholas, a daughter, Georgia.

CADWALLADER - On September 10th, to Theresia (née Rahardjo) and Neil, a daughter, Beatrice Mary Sinta.

CLUTTERBUCK - On October 3rd, to Camilla (née Nicholson) and Hugh, a son (Simon Alexander Meadows), a brother for Jack and Henry.

COOKE - On October 3rd, to Miranda and Hugh, a daughter, Olivia Rachel, a sister for Charlotte, Victoria, James and Alice.

ELLIOTT - On October 3rd, first child to Iain and Jacqueline, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, 7lbs 10oz.

FLANAGAN - On September 20th, to Kate (née Getley) and Alastair, a son, Fergus Conor Dewar, a brother for Louis.

GARROD - On October 3rd, to Amanda (née Bourne) and Hugh, a son, Edward.

HANCKEL-SPICE - Jane Hanckel and Derek Spice are pleased to announce the arrival of Xavier Mark Hanckel-Spice. Born at home 01:45 hours Tuesday October 4th 1994, 7lbs 8oz. Welcome brother to Natasha and Emily, half-brother to Nicholas and James.

HASWELL-STEINER - On 2nd October 1994, to Sybille Steiner, wife of Jonathan Haswell, a son, Julius Richard James.

IKOKWU - Chartella Ifunanya at The Portland Hospital, on October 4th, to Stella Nwakaego Ikokwu and Chief Charles Ikokwu of Oba, in Nigeria.

JOHNSON - On October 5th 1994, to Sarah (née Thompson) and Daniel, a son, Leo Thomas Alfred.

LOCKHART - On 17th September, at Bath, to Elizabeth and David, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Frederique, a sister for Samantha and Cranley.

MOONEY - On 4th October 1994 at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Sharon and Kevin, a beautiful son, Liam Oliver. First grandchild to Mr Oliver & Adelaide Mooney and Mr Robert & Linda Simmonds, nephew to Robert, Janine and Olivia.

PARHAM - On September 28th, to Kasia and Philip, a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret Katherine.

RILEY - On October 3rd, to Kate (née Walker) and Nicholas, a son, George Edward Taft.

RUDOLPH - On 24th September 1994, to Julie and Nick, a daughter, Emily.

TREVOR - On September 29th, to Patience and Michael, a daughter, Beatrice Elizabeth, a sister for Daniel and Naomi.

WALFORD - On October 4th, to Claire (née Pennock) and Peter, a daughter, Eloise Sarah, a sister for Isobel, Edward and Harry.

DEATHS

CHIPPS - On October 4th 1994, suddenly but peacefully at home, Graham. Dearly loved husband of Joy, father and grandfather. Funeral and thanksgiving for his life at 11 am on Tuesday October 11th at Christ Church, South Nutfield. Family flowers only, donations for Christ Church P.C.C. may be sent in his memory to Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, RH1 6AZ.

DAVIS - William Victor (Bill), on October 4th, aged 74, peacefully at Harwich Hospital. Will be sadly missed by his wife Margot Maria and family. Funeral at 3.30 pm on 14th October at Weeley Crematorium.

DENTON - On 4th October 1994, at Little Budworth, Elizabeth Mary, wife of the late Paddy Denton, mother of Carol and Hamish. Funeral Service and Committal at Altrincham Crematorium on Monday 10th October at 10.30 am. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to George Bell Funeral Service, 49 Birches Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich, tel: Northwich (0606) 42534.

FAIRHURST - At home on Thursday 6th October, James Seton, much loved husband of Geneviève and father of James and Seton. Funeral private. Please no flowers. Donations to Mary Hare Foundation, Arlington Manor, near Newbury, Berks. RG16 9BQ. There will be a Memorial Service in Newbury on a date to be announced.

GODFREY - On 29th September after a short illness, Harold, who will be remembered always by Margery, Jane, John, Richard and Robert.

GORDON - Tamara (Tania). Peacefully on Wednesday 5 October in London. Widow of Sholom Gordon; mother of Amia, Charles, Max, Sidney, David. She is deeply mourned by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

GREAVES - On 4th October 1994, after much suffering, Giles, aged 39. Beloved elder son of Jack and Joan Greaves and brother of Clare, Frances and Mark. Requiem Mass on Friday October 14th at 12 noon at The Church of St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Road, NW11, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only.

GROVE - Derrick L. Lieutenant Colonel, on 3rd October, peacefully at Burnham Lodge, aged 84, much loved Dad of Christine and grandpa of Christopher and Matthew. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green, at 12 noon on Tuesday 11th October. Floral tributes to F.G. Pymm, 66-67 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead, tel: (0628) 23822.

HALL - The Revd. Dr. Basil of Newton House, Newton St Cyres, Exeter, on October 2nd suddenly in Switzerland. Cremation took place in Vevey.

HANSON - Mary E. died Monday 3rd October. Jennie, Sarah and Cherry will miss her greatly and remember her with deep affection. Cremation today, Friday 7th October, 11.30 am at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to Oxfam.

IRVINE - On 3rd October 1994, Margaret Bryden. Funeral Service at Willingdon Parish Church, Eastbourne, on Friday October 14th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium.

MASON-HORNBY - On 5th October 1994, peacefully at home from Motor Neurone Disease, Anthony Felden. Darling dependable husband of Cecily Barbara. Much loved and devoted father of Francis, Christopher, Catherine and son-in-law David. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. No flowers at his request - donations please to: M.N.D. Research, c/o Professor Mitchell, Royal Hospital, Preston, Lancs., or St John's Hospice, Lancaster.

McNEILL - On 1st October 1994, as the result of an accident in Dubai, Neil Gerard McNeill M.A.(CANTAB) LLB, Solicitor, dear husband of the late Gail Gardiner and beloved father of Sara and Alexandra. Funeral will take place on Monday 10th October. Service in St John the Evangelist Church, Abercrombie Road, Castle Douglas at 1.pm. thereafter interment in Carsphairn Churchyard. All friends respectfully invited to attend.

MOYNIHAN - Dr. Sir Noel, father of Michael, Maeve, Jon and Tee, grandfather of Kevani, Alex and Jonno, brother of Anne and Aileen. Died peacefully on 5th October 1994 at Worthing. Funeral at All Saints Church, Herstmonceux, Friday 14th October 12 noon and afterwards at Herstmonceux Place. Memorial Service Westminster Cathedral 28th November 2.pm. No flowers please but donations to Save the Children.

NORTON - On October 5th, Vera, aged 83, beloved wife of Petre, peacefully at Morpeth Cottage Hospital. Funeral private, 10th October. No flowers or letters please.

OMMANNEY - On October 6th aged 84, Charles Lawrence Ommanney OBE, Lt. Col., Royal Signals, of Rowledge, Surrey. Beloved husband of Vi. Loving father of Simon, Sue, James, Richard and Janie. Grandfather of thirteen. Private cremation. Donations to Parkinsons Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

REES - Peacefully on Tuesday 4th October at Aberystwyth, Professor F. Gwendolen Rees, F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Zoology, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Public funeral service at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 11th October at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Aberystwyth Crematorium at 5 pm. Family flowers only. Further enquiries to C. Trefor Evans, Funeral Directors, Aberystwyth 820013.

SANGER - On October 4th, peacefully at Ashley Park, West Clandon. Hope, aged 96. Wife of the late Gerald Sanger and much loved mother of Mafia, Clyde and Jim, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Send, Surrey, on October 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but, if wished, donations to Send British Red Cross, c/o Mr Walker, Parkside, West Clandon, Guildford, Surrey.

SEALE - (Geary) Joan, formerly of 82 Redcliffe Road, Chelsea, early on 4th October 1994. Devoted mother of Jonathan and Tim. Deeply missed by her many friends.

SQUIRE - On 5th October 1994, Auriol, wife of the late Frank Thorne Squire, mother of Judy, grandmother of Nick and Ansley. A brave lady, much loved by her family and many friends, she will be greatly missed. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday 14th October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Fund For Blood Disorders c/o W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton SM1 4RL, tel: (081) 642-8211.

SUPRA - Lenox Nicholas Karl of Johannesburg - South Africa, passed away on October 6th after a prolonged illness borne with great courage. Deeply mourned as a gentle and loving man by his beloved, Helena and children Hilton, Gregory, Jacqueline and Florence.

TAYLOR - On 4th October, peacefully at home, Sir James Taylor, beloved husband of the late Margaret and loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private funeral service. No flowers please.

WAYMAN - Ian Fawcitt (Robin), on October 4th 1994, at home after a short illness stoically and cheerfully borne. So dearly loved by family and friends as a man of courage, integrity and humour. Thanksgiving Service Tuesday October 11th at 12.15 pm St Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford. Donations, if wished, to National Trust c/o Seaford Funeral Services, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford.

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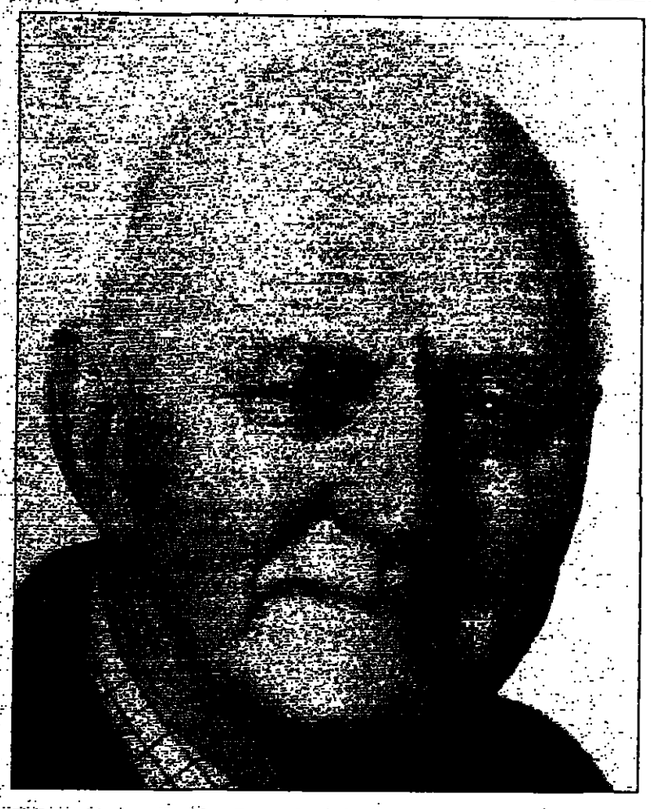
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR BERNARD WILLSON

Professor Bernard Willson, wartime cryptographer and scholar of medieval German literature, died on September 30 of acute emphysema aged 75. He was born on February 25, 1919.



ALTHOUGH in his later, academic life his main study was that of the Middle High German court epics, Bernard Willson had previously been able to place his knowledge of German — and of other languages — at the service of the British cipher-breaking operation at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

There he did valuable work, particularly on cracking Axis naval codes in the Mediterranean, thus enabling the British and Americans to be pre-informed about many of the enemy's movements during the North African and Italian campaigns.

In the postwar years, in a sphere utterly removed from that of wartime logistics, disinformation and the assessment of the enemy's capacity to conduct operations, he altered the scholastic perception of the German versions of the Arthurian legends. His work in this sphere was as highly regarded in German circles as it was in German departments in British universities. He was Professor of German at Leicester University from 1970 to 1982. He continued to teach at Leicester part-time until 1987.

Bernard Willson was educated at Whitgift School, Croydon, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where, after gaining a brilliant first, he was awarded the Tiarks Scholarship for post-graduate research in German. But his academic career was interrupted by the outbreak of the Second World War. He joined the Army in 1939 but in the following year was recruited into the Naval Intelligence Branch of the Foreign Office. He spent the next five years working in Bletchley Park on highly secret German, Italian, and Japanese code and ciphers

Much of his early code-breaking was done in the famous Hut 5, before Bletchley Park was rationalised into sections. In 1943 he was personally congratulated by Admiral Clayton, Head of Naval Intelligence in Whitehall, for his work in directing the code-breaking operation which enabled Italian convoys leaving Sorrento and Sicily, with supplies for Rommel's armies in North Africa, to be sunk or destroyed en route. This work at Bletchley gave the Allied high command in the Mediterranean a foresight of all Axis operations in the theatre, puzzling the beleaguered Germans as to how their opponents could with such monotonous regularity be in a position to attack their convoys with aircraft or submarines at will.

Later in the war Willson worked closely with an opposite number in Washington on breaking Japanese codes. Here, too, his great intelligence and intuition enabled him to make a conspicuously successful and highly-valued contribution.

On the cessation of hostilities, although he was invited to remain in the Foreign Office, he returned to Cambridge to take up his research scholarship, spending a year in the University of Zurich. An academic appointment followed in 1947 as medievalist in the German department of the burgeoning University College of Leicester (later to become Leicester University). When his research into the Christian background of the Middle High German court epics began to attract attention in this country and overseas, he was invited to postwar Germany to give lecture tours.

These were well received on both sides of the Iron Curtain and, at an extremely difficult and delicate time, politically speaking, were a pleasant acknowledgement of the community of intellectual interests that subsisted between scholars across the physical and ideological borders that had been created by the Cold War.

When an offer came from the University of Illinois of a permanent professorship in the School of Germanic Studies there, Willson decided to accept, taking his family with him. During this exciting period he had the opportunity to lecture at many American and Canadian universities. But although he found transatlantic colleagues most congenial, and research standards extremely high, he decided after much heart-searching to return to England for his children's education. He was then elected to the Chair of German in the University of Leicester.

An admirer of Julius Schwietering's pioneer work in the field, Willson was convinced that the German court epics, largely based on the legends of King Arthur, and hitherto considered to be secular and erotic entertainment for courtly audiences with their "insatiable appetite for love", were in point of fact deeply religious, and owed much to the writings of the Church Fathers, notably St Augustine, St Anselm, and St Bernard.

A close study of the *Patrologia Latina* over the years revealed more and more significant parallels between the courtly ethos as displayed in this large body of narrative poetry and the teachings of medieval Roman Catholicism. At first, this bold new interpretation was greeted with scepticism by fellow academics. Now, after 40 years, the validity of his concept is widely acknowledged and respected.

As well as being a scholar of international reputation, Bernard Willson was a clear-sighted and decisive head of department. He was also a wise Dean of the Arts Faculty at a troubled time in the university's history, when financial retrenchment meant that many academics were being forced into early retirement. He was always a pleasant colleague and, above all, a gifted teacher who could communicate his abiding love of medieval studies to his students.

He enjoyed witty conversation, travelling, playing the piano, and a close and happy family life.

He is survived by his wife Agnes, three sons, and a daughter.

KARL DÖNCH

Karl Dönch, German bass-baritone and director of the Vienna Volksoper from 1973 to 1987, died in a Vienna hospital on September 16 aged 79. He was born in Hagen, Westphalia, on January 8, 1915.



FOR more than forty years Karl Dönch was one of the key figures in Viennese musical life, both as a performer and opera administrator. He arrived at the State Opera in 1947 from Salzburg, where he had spent much of the war, and Vienna became his city. His short build never suited him for heroic baritone roles, but his twinkling eyes, ready wit and instinctive sense of the stage made him ideal for buffo parts. He had opened his professional career as Bartolo in Rossini's *Barber* and early on sang Beckmesser in *Meistersinger*, a role which was to be a significant one in his international career.

For many years from 1959 onwards he was the favoured Beckmesser at The Met in New York, careful to give Wagner's town clerk a liberal dose of humanity while he was censuring those around him. Alas, Covent Garden never heard him in the role, although theatres as far apart as La Scala and the Colón, in Buenos Aires, did. But always Dönch was happiest in Vienna — on his travels he learnt little or no English. There he cultivated the operettas of Offenbach, Lehár and Millöcker as much as the mainstream opera repertory.

He was a natural choice as director of the Volksoper when he was in his late fifties, but a rarity among intendants in that he appeared regularly on stage in his own house as well as making visits down the road to the Staatsoper.

For Dönch the Volksoper was almost an extension of his own family. The progress of his own singers taking major engagements abroad for the first time was far more important than his own performance on a particular night. He was also assiduous in making sure that the Volksoper did not turn into an operetta museum. Contemporary composers were given a chance to display their wares and "dangerous" young producers, like Harry Kupfer, were invited there to direct.

Karl Dönch studied music and drama in Dresden and made his debut in the east German house of Görlitz, then in Silesia, when he was only 21. He performed with the Bonn Opera and then during the war went to Salzburg, where for five years he was attached to the Landestheater as singer, director and teacher. For a time he was in charge of opera studies at the Mozarteum. When the Salzburg Festival restarted after the war Dönch was in Hoffmannsthal's play *Jedermann* and this was the beginning of a long association with the city's summer celebrations.

His partnership with the late Karl Böhm there was particularly distinguished. The conductor cast him as the deranged Doctor in the famous 1951 production of Berg's *Wozzeck*, directed by Oscar Fritz Schuh. The power of this performance led to invitations to sing it around the world. For a number of years, too, he was Böhm's favoured Alfonso in *Così fan tutte* at Salzburg.

But Dönch kept equally true to his love of operetta and could be heard further west at the Bregenz Festival in Strauss and Offenbach. It was at this time he took the comic roles in the classic series of Viennese operettas Walter Legge recorded for EMI, with his wife Elisabeth Schwarzkopf in the lead: *Eine Nacht in Venedig* conducted by Ackermann and *Fledermaus* conducted by Karajan, among others.

Dönch, despite his German birth, had become almost an adopted Austrian. He had been given the title of Kammersänger by the Staatsoper back in 1955 and when he came to take over the Volksoper he made sure that Austrian composers — and not just those of operettas — received a proper showing. He liked to see full houses, but did not think that they were the one and only goal of his house and he was prepared to take a chance with potentially unpopular works such as Britten's *Albert Herring* and Janacek's *From the House of the Dead*.

All the time Dönch went on singing himself, discovering among other things an ability to perform in drag. He was a very strange Witch in Humperdinck's *Hänsel und Gretel* and was even Queen Victoria in a musical drawn from the works of Gilbert and Sullivan.

He was much decorated by his adopted country and at one of the most recent citations the Mayor of Vienna began his speech by saying that Karl Dönch had almost every award known to Viennese man but that he had managed to find just one medal that Dönch had not got.

He leaves a widow.

MAJOR LANCE

Major Lance, R & B singer, died from heart disease in Decatur, Georgia, on September 3 aged 53. He was born on April 4, 1941.



MAJOR LANCE is best remembered in Britain by a two-week appearance on the charts in February 1964 with "Um Um Um Um Um Um" — a song that came to be his signature song. That statistic says more about the limited opportunities for American R & B stars in Britain at the time than about the distinguished contribution he made to the soul sound of Chicago, with contemporaries like The Impressions, Gene Chandler and Jerry Butler.

Major Lance was born in Chicago during the war, one of a family of nine. At Wells High School he met his future mentor Curtis Mayfield, but Lance's first ambition was to become a boxer and he took up the sport professionally for a time, sidelining in gospel singing and gaining a reputation as a fine dancer meanwhile. Having appeared on local television, he impressed the dance host Jim Lounsbury sufficiently for him to recommend Lance to Mercury Records. Lance's "I Got a Girl", cut in 1959 for Mercury, was written and produced by Mayfield, who was already enjoying success with The Impressions, but it made no impact and Lance took a day job at a drugstore in the meantime, hustling for another recording opening.

The Okeh label — a leader in black music from 1918 — was being revitalised by Columbia under the aegis of the producer Carl Davis. Eventually Lance's persistence wore Davis down, and he took him on board as a vocalist and Mayfield as a staff producer.

Their first collaboration was the unsuccessful, calypso-tinged "Delilah", which was followed by "Mama Didn't Know", a reply to Jan Bradley's early 1963 pop crossover "Mama Didn't Lie". But it was the B-side, yet another Mayfield composition called "The Monkey Time", that captured the public imagination.

This number, about a dance style witnessed by Mayfield on a trip with The Impressions to Washington, reached number two on *Billboard's* Hot R & B chart and crossed to number eight on the Hot 100, rubbing shoulders with such acts as The Beach Boys and Bobby Vinton. Davis's production and the brass arrangement by jazz bassist Johnny Pate made it perhaps the defining single of the Chicago soul sound.

Lance had another hit in 1963 with "Hey Little Girl". But it was early the following year that his friend produced the song that gave Lance an international stage, "Um Um Um Um Um Um", the nonsense title belying a composition of typical Mayfield guile and grace. The instantly catchy chorus propelled it into the US pop Top Five and across the Atlantic. The song inched to number 40 here.

However, the common practice for British beat groups to shoplift the best American R & B and blandly reproduce it for the white pop audience allowed Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders to score their first Top 10 hit with "Um Um Um Um Um Um" later in 1964, and Lance never returned to the British charts.

He stayed with Okeh until 1968, cutting many more Mayfield compositions including "Sometimes I Wonder", "Come See" and "Ain't it a Shame". Lance then moved on to Dakar Records before reuniting in 1970 with Mayfield, who was by then running his own Curtom label. Lance returned to the R & B Top 20 with "Stay Away from Me (I Love You Too Much)".

A longtime hero of the Northern Soul audience, he moved to Britain in 1972 for two years, but here and back at home, continued to accumulate record labels, recording variously for Contempo and Warner Brothers in Britain and Playboy, Osiris and Columbia in America. A new beginning seemed to have arrived in 1978 when he made *Now Arriving* with Motown, only the second studio album of his career, 15 years after the first. But as he collected his best reviews in years, Lance was convicted for selling cocaine and served three years of a ten-year sentence.

Lance's best work was marked by the 1984 Edsel compilation *Monkey Times* and, although Lance had not recorded for some years, he continued to perform at festivals and clubs, contributing, a spirited "Monkey Time" to the Chicago Blues Festival's "Soul Revue" in June and reminding the audience of an era when everything was Okeh.

He leaves a wife, Christine Boular Lance, and nine children.

PROFESSOR DONALD COURT

Donald Court, CBE, James Spence Professor of Child Health in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 1955-1972, died on September 9 aged 82. He was born at Wem, Shropshire, on January 4, 1912.

IN 1976 the publication of *Fit for the Future*, the report of the Committee on Child Health Services chaired by Donald Court, was greeted with less than enthusiasm by the medical profession and the politicians who had commissioned it. Yet less than 20 years later virtually all of its recommendations have been implemented and the "Court Report" is widely acknowledged as having effected the most radical change in the medical care of children seen this century.

Court followed in the footsteps of Sir James Spence who in 1943 had been appointed to the first full-time chair of child health to be established in England. Both felt that any change in the approach to childcare had to be firmly based on research and in particular needed to receive the same rigorous inquiry as the more scientific aspects of paediatrics. Court himself stated: "My plea is that we should apply the same critical energy to the study of social as we do to cellular behaviour."

Donald Court was the son of a Shropshire headmaster, and had a rural upbringing. One of his early achievements was a School Certificate pass in gardening of which he was very proud. Gardening interested him throughout his life.

He initially decided on a career in dentistry but after three years switched to medicine and qualified at Birmingham Medical School in 1936. His early work at Great Ormond Street and the children's department at Westminster Hospital was followed by the Emergency Medical Service before he went to Newcastle as a Nuffield Fellow.

This was a time of great opportunity and he joined a team led by Spence which was planning the Thousand Family Study. In this he was active between 1947 and 1954. In 1950, on return from the United States, he was appointed Reader in Child Health and succeeded to the Chair in 1955 after the untimely death of Spence in 1954.

Spence had encouraged him to take an interest in speech and its development and this



led to a long-standing association with the department of speech therapy; as a result he was instrumental in setting up the department of speech at Newcastle. As well as speech he was supportive of other departments: virology; human genetics; and child psychiatry. His work with the virologists was especially important in cementing the links between the previous, largely clinical, descriptions of respiratory illness and the rapidly expanding scientific side.

The Thousand Families work led him to the homes of more than 3,000 families during his first 15 years in Newcastle and these left a profound impression on him.

They led to his Charles West lecture of 1970, at the Royal College of Physicians of London, in which he stressed the necessity of strengthening the foundations of paediatrics: of extending studies of the social determinants of health and disease in child and family; of seeking a better understanding of the development of personality; and of improving the education of doctors and others professionally involved in the care of children. These ideas were further developed in *Paediatrics in the Seventies*, after which he was invited to chair the Committee on the Child Health Services which produced the Court Report.

Though Court was personally saddened at its initial reception he took a quiet pride in its gradual implementation over the subsequent years, even though he and his committee were never given any real credit.

Donald Court was one of the most influential paediatricians of recent times. His professional knowledge was backed up by his love of poetry, of Florentine painting and of English porcelain, as well as by his affection for young people and his respect for their views. In 1972 he took early retirement from his chair in Newcastle, largely in order to become president of the British Paediatric Association. He was the first to hold this position for three years, during which time he greatly influenced the direction of paediatrics in the UK.

Besides honorary fellowships of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal College of General Practitioners he was appointed CBE in 1969. In 1992 the University of Newcastle upon Tyne established a Donald Court Chair of Community Paediatrics.

He is survived by his wife Frances and by two sons and a daughter.

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PROMENADE CONCERT

End of the Season

The clock in Langham-place struck 8. Inside Queen's Hall rounds of applause were given to each of the leaders as he came to his desk in the orchestra, rising in a *crescendo* which became a *fortissimo* as Sir Henry Wood came on to conduct the last Promenade of a season which must surely be accounted the most successful of all the 35 years during which, with many vicissitudes these remarkable concerts have gone on. For while they have retained the same as the faithful ritual (the applause, the white carnation and the rest of it) showed on Saturday night, they have not stood still but have changed consistently in the right direction — better music, better programmes, better audiences, and (with due allowance for obvious defects) better playing.

The concert on Saturday night was not conspicuous for the better playing. It began with a very ragged performance of the remarkable transcription of Bach's D minor Toccata and Fugue for organ, which Stokowski and the gramophone have popularized. *Bravura* music must be played with *bravura*: this fuge, obviously overweighted, made heavy weather. Sir Henry Wood, at the end of this long and exacting course, drove his crew hard as though afraid he would not get them past the post. César Franck's symphony was too straightforward and common-sensical. Even Max Bruch's concerto — very much the right sort of thing for the last Saturday night of the season — was kept so much to the narrow path of strict business that Miss Marie Wilson was not allowed to retune her fiddle for the last movement . . .

If, then, the actual artistic achievements of this concert were less than they might have been, it would be churlish to emphasize the undeniable defects. No one was in a very critical mood; the programme not the incongruous mixture of too many Saturday nights this season. It was rather like the breaking-up concert at the end of term, with cheers all round, and the pleasant feeling that we shall all meet again next year.

ON THIS DAY

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The last night of the Proms was again under the baton of Sir Henry Wood. Elsewhere in London, Malcolm Sargent, later to become another favourite of the promenaders, was conducting a concert at the Palladium

NEW SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The first of the National Sunday League's season of concerts in the Palladium was given yesterday afternoon, when Dr Malcolm Sargent conducted the New Symphony Orchestra in a programme of Wagner's music. *Die Meistersinger* provided the larger part of the excerpts, which included the Overture, Sachs's monologue from Act II and the Prelude and Dance of Apprentices from Act III. The heroic music-dramas were represented by the Trauermarsch, Wotan's Farewell and the Fire Music. The Entry of the Gods into Walhalla and The Ride of the Valkyries. Dr Sergeant is an able conductor who knows how to get what he wants and serves the composer faithfully. The performances were, therefore, if not absolutely first-rate, very enjoyable. The weak point of the orchestra is in the string tone at the climaxes and this could be largely remedied if the players would bow together instead of going each his own way. Mr Horace Stevens sang the vocal excerpts.

NEWS

Blair scorns Clause Four defeat

■ Tony Blair tried to shrug off his first serious setback as Labour leader when the unions and the Left inflicted an embarrassing defeat on him over Clause Four.

After the Labour conference narrowly supported the nationalisation commitment, Mr Blair dismissed the result as being of no significance and vowed to press ahead with rewriting the constitution. "It makes no difference whatever to the review taking place," he said ..... **Pages 1, 2, 8, 9**

Cult deaths may have been murder

■ Swiss police believe that Luc Jouret, the leader of the Order of the Solar Temple, may still be alive and may have drugged and killed 48 of his followers. André Piller, the investigating judge, said new evidence had forced the authorities to consider treating the deaths as murder ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Smoking risks

The risks of smoking are twice as high as has previously been thought and can kill in two dozen different ways, according to the world's longest-running study on the effects of tobacco on health ..... **Page 1**

Boy chased to death

A gang of youths chased a schoolboy, 14, to his death under the wheels of a train in Glasgow and then threw stones at his body as it lay on the track ..... **Page 1**

Tory fightback

An overhaul of the Tory party machine designed to put it in fighting trim for the next election will be announced by Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman ..... **Page 2**

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A government education adviser demanded an inquiry into comprehensive schools to test claims that they continue to produce lower results than a combination of grammar and secondary modern schools ..... **Page 5**

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Labour called for an independent inquiry into why a dying girl had to wait almost an hour for an ambulance hospital ..... **Page 6**

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The owner of a warehouse in Port-au-Prince fired on looters, killing one person as American forces were called in to calm the situation ..... **Page 13**

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Ross Perot, who won 19 million votes in the 1992 presidential election, called on his supporters to back Republican candidates in the American mid-term elections on November 8 ..... **Page 14**

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Britain publicly underlined its confidence in the stability of the Saudi government, a day after exiles reported arrests of poets, intellectuals and university teachers ..... **Page 15**

Britain's oldest man dies

■ Britain's oldest man, William Proctor, who remembered seeing Queen Victoria, died aged 109. Mr Proctor was wounded during the Battle of the Somme. He died at a nursing home in the Wirral, Merseyside. In the year of his birth, General Gordon was killed, Britain was beginning to use electric lighting, and *The Mikado* opened ..... **Page 6**

JOHN GILES



Jim Mearns from Glasgow being congratulated by Labour conference delegates after a rousing defence of Clause Four. **Page 9**

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Foolish quarrel

Signor Berlusconi needs all the political authority he can muster to carry through his courageous Budget. A fight with the magistrates is the worst way to start ..... **Page 19**

Berlin the banana

If New York is the Big Apple, Berlin must certainly be the Big Banana. This deification of the banana is a welcome change in the fruit's historical image ..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

Now, then, Levin must have his fun, particularly when he is having it at the expense of the judges and the lawyers, but in this business even I feel real outrage. For many decades our entire legal system was built on the principle that the layman must not understand what is going on ..... **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

And now let us hear a cheer for the rat. Only in puritanical Anglo-Saxon societies and vocabularies is the rat the symbol of loathing. And it is an inadequate and racialist explanation to say that other societies are dirty. The Egyptians made a god of the rat. In India, rat is a symbol of wisdom ..... **Page 18**

MATTHEW PARRIS

In the Winter Gardens were to be found only two groups: Blairites, and Blairites-in-transition. The implication was that some sort of re-education facility — with an electrified fence and alsatians, — was being contemplated, to help speed the transition ..... **Page 2**

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There is no proof that the man the Clinton Administration insists on restoring to power in Haiti is involved in drug trafficking. But there are allegations from a source deemed credible

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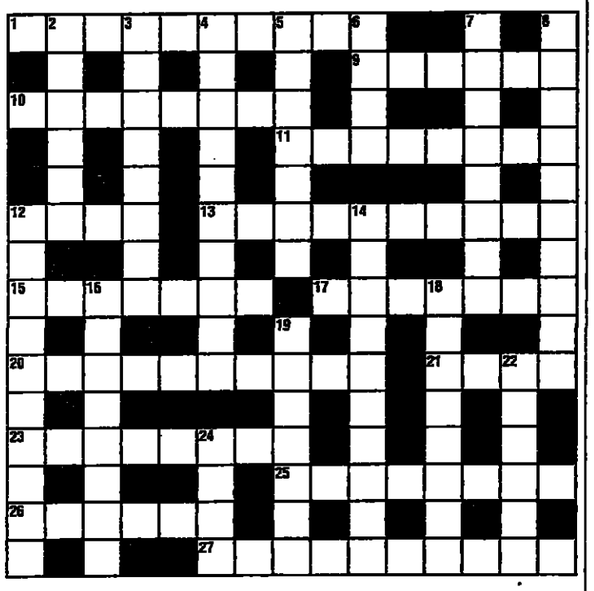
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26 Boy attending a musical performance (6).
27 A widespread belief (10).

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2 Manual confused old student (6).
3 Burial place for animal on a crest (8).
4 Organiser of type that's been superseded (10).
5 Excellent river harbour in Shannon, for example (7).
6 Audacity producing narrow margin of victory (4).
7 Girl bound, so to speak, to be suspicious (8).
8 Biscuit of the type flower-girl picked up (6-4).
12 Ways in which a tiger is different, in general (10).
14 Author first captures East African animals (10).
16 This type of herring is included in British fish (8).
18 Old way to convert weapon (8).
19 Equipment for lifting fish on line (7).
22 Underground railway initially rejected by noble (6).
24 Bound to include English in part of course (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.666

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 16C (61F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Hemsby, Norfolk 0.21in; highest sunshine: Weymouth, Dorset 10.9hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern and northwestern Scotland will have showers while central and eastern areas will be dry and quite sunny. The cloudier skies with patchy rain in the south at first are expected to move away.

Northern Ireland should be bright for the most part, perhaps with the odd shower.

England and Wales will be mostly dry with some sunny spells but the extreme north and Cumbria in particular should become cloudy with patchy drizzle.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands:** Dry with sunny spells. Wind south to southwesterly light to moderate. Maximum temperature temp 16C (61F).

☐ **E England, Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Central N England:** Dry with sunny spells. Wind south to southwesterly moderate to fresh. Maximum temperature 15 to 16C (59 to 61F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders:** Rather cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle. Wind south to southwesterly fresh locally strong at first. Maximum temperature 13 to 14C (55 to 57F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland:** Mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind southwesterly fresh to strong. Maximum temperature 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Sunny spells and showers. Wind southwesterly strong to gale. Maximum temperature 11 to 12C (52 to 54F).

☐ **Outlook for the weekend:** Dry with sunny spells.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.7	-	15	59	s	London	9.4	-	14	57	s
Anglesey	2.9	-	12	54	c	Lowestoft	7.2	0.02	13	55	s
Aspatria	1.6	-	12	54	c	Manchester	3.8	0.10	13	55	b
Aviemore	3.9	0.02	13	55	r	Margate	10.1	-	13	55	s
Belfast	6.1	-	13	55	s	Minehead	9.6	-	14	57	s
Birmingham	5.5	-	12	54	s	Morecambe	2.6	0.04	13	55	c
Bognor R	10.7	-	15	59	s	Newcastle	7.0	-	13	55	s
Bournem'th	8.9	-	15	59	s	Newquay	8.5	-	13	55	s
Bristol	9.4	-	14	57	s	Norwich	7.7	-	13	55	s
Buxton	5.2	0.07	10	50	b	Nottingham	8.5	-	12	54	s
Cardiff	10.1	-	13	55	s	Oxford	8.1	-	13	55	s
Clacton	10.4	-	14	57	s	Penzance	8.6	-	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	x					Plymouth	10.6	-	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	5.4	-	14	57	b	Poole	9.5	-	15	59	s
Cromer	8.4	0.06	12	54	s	Prestatyn	x	-	13	55	b
Doncaster	7.5	-	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	5.6	-	13	55	s
Dunbar	x					Ryde	x				
Edinburgh	5.6	-	14	57	b	Salcombe	9.5	-	15	59	s
Eskdalemuir	2.0	0.01	11	52	c	Sandown	10.4	-	15	59	s
Exmouth	9.5	-	14	57	s	Saunin Snd	10.1	-	15	59	s
Falmouth	x	-	15	59	s	Scarboro'	7.9	0.03	13	55	s
Fishguard	5.3	-	11	52	b	Scilly Isles	8.8	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	x					Shanklin	10.2	-	14	57	s
Glasgow	3.2	-	13	55	c	Shrewsbury	4.2	-	12	54	s
Guernsey	10.4	-	16	61	s	Skegness	9.2	-	14	57	s
Hastings	10.3	-	15	59	s	Southend	8.1	-	14	57	s
Herne Bay	9.8	-	13	55	s	Southport	4.4	-	13	55	s
Hove	7.7	-	15	59	s	Southsea	9.7	-	15	59	s
Hunstanton	8.9	-	13	55	s	Stornoway	-	0.03	13	55	r
Ilfracombe	x					Swanage	10.2	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	7.6	-	13	55	s	Teignmouth	10.6	-	14	57	s
Jersey	10.4	-	15	59	s	Tenby	7.8	-	13	55	s
Kinloss	2.7	-	15	59	c	Tiree	1.6	0.04	14	57	sh
Leeds	7.2	-	14	57	s	Torquay	10.7	-	14	57	s
Lerwick	2.6	0.07	11	52	r	Tynemouth	8.3	0.03	13	55	s
Lleuchars	6.8	-	15	59	s	Ventnor	10.2	-	15	59	s
Llandrindn	10.1	-	15	59	s	Weymouth	10.8	-	14	57	s
Liverpool	4.1	-	13	55	s						

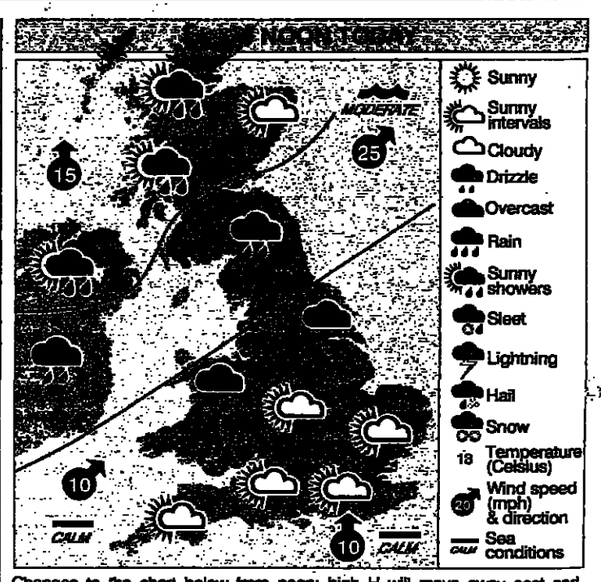
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ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	s	C'phagn	10	50	c	Madrid	22	72	f
Akrotri	30	86	s	Corfu	24	75	f	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dublin	13	55	f	Malaga	21	70	f
Algiers	25	77	f	Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Malta	26	79	f
Arnst'dm	13	55	f	Faro	23	73	c	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	28	82	f	Florence	15	59	s	Mexico C	19	66	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	9	48	s	Miami	29	84	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	22	72	c	Milan	16	61	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	11	52	s	Montreal	11	52	f
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	18	64	r	Moscow	7	45	c
Beirut	30	86	f	Helsinki	9	48	f	Munich	6	43	f
Belgrade	11	52	s	Hong K	27	81	r	Nairobi	26	79	c
Berlin	10	50	s	Innsbruck	8	46	f	Naples	20	68	s
Bermuda	x			Istanbul	25	79	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	x			N York	14	57	f
Borde'x	14	57	s	Jo'burg	x			Nice	19	66	s
Brussels	12	54	f	Karachi	37	99	s	Oslo	9	48	r
Budapst	11	52	s	L Palmas	26	79	s	Paris	14	57	s
B Aires	19	66	f	La Tquet	12	54	f	Peking	25	77	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	23	73	f	Perth	15	59	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	15	59	s	Prague	6	43	f
Chicago	15	59	f	L Angels	20	68	s	Reykjavik	9	48	c
Ch'church	x			Luxembg	10	50	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	11	52	s	Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	31	88	f
								Riyadh	x		
								Rome	21	70	s
								Salzburg	6	43	c
								S F'risco	18	64	s
								Santiago	27	81	s
								S Paulo	19	66	c
								Seoul	24	75	s
								St'holm	8	46	c
								Strasb'rg	10	50	s
								Sydney	23	73	s
								Tangier	24	76	c
								Tel Aviv	34	93	s
								Tenerife	20	68	c
								Tokyo	25	77	f
								Toronto	11	52	c
								Tunis	24	75	f
								Valencia	19	66	f
								Vanc'ver	14	57	f
								Venice	15	59	s
								Vienna	7	45	f
								Warsaw	5	41	c
								Wash'ton	16	61	c
								Wel'ngton	x		
								Zurich	-9	48	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high H will move away east and intensify. Low F is expected to run northeast filling. High I should transfer east and slowly decline



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.50	7.4	3.04	7.4	Liverpool	-	-	12.20	9.9
Aberdeen	2.10	4.7	2.39	4.5	Lowestoft	10.28	2.8	11.53	2.6
Avonmouth	8.18	14.1	8.39	14.2	Margate	12.57	5.0	1.10	5.2
Belfast	11.59	3.5	-	-	Milford Haven	7.11	7.5	7.32	7.5
Cardiff	8.08	13.02	8.23	13.07	Newquay	6.05	7.6	6.25	7.8
Devonport	6.56	5.7	7.18	5.7	Oban	6.37	4.1	6.53	4.2
Dover	11.56	7.2	-	-	Penzance	5.55	5.8	6.19	5.8
Falmouth	6.28	5.6	6.48	5.6	Portland	7.56	2.3	8.16	2.3
Glasgow	1.42	5.1	2.11	4.8	Portsmouth	12.03	5.0	12.30	5.0
Harwich	12.37	4.3	12.52	4.4	Shoreham	-	-	12.22	6.7
Holyhead	11.18	6.0	11.39	6.0	Southampton	11.46	4.9	-	-
Hull	7.10	8.06	7.36	7.88	Swansea	7.19	10.2	7.39	10.2
Ilfracombe	7.00	9.96	7.21	9.96	Tees	4.29	5.6	4.58	5.7
King's Lynn	7.14	7.5	7.42	7.1	W'ton-op-Nze	12.33	4.4	12.50	4.7
Leith	3.29	6.1	3.53	6.0					

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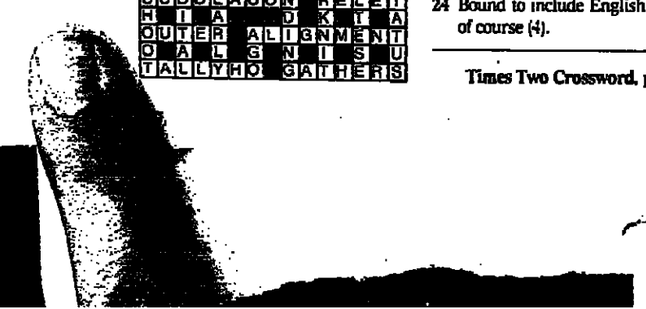
MOON'S PHASES

Sun rises: 7.11 am
Sun sets: 6.26 pm
Moon sets 7.35 pm
Moon rises 10.15 am

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London 6.28 pm to 7.12 am
Bristol 6.35 pm to 7.22 am
Edinburgh 6.53 pm to 7.29 am
Manchester 6.32 pm to 7.23 am
Penzance 6.48 pm to 7.33 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7 1994

City surprised as manufacturing output declines

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURING production fell in August, surprising the City and suggesting that industry may now be reacting to a slow down in consumer demand.

The Central Statistical Office reported that manufacturing output fell by 0.3 per cent. This dragged down overall industrial production, which includes the North Sea oil and gas business. It fell 0.1 per cent in August, having increased by 0.1 per cent in July.

Monthly production figures from the CSO have taken on far greater significance for policy-making after the authorities made it clear that it was the pace of growth, as opposed to inflationary pressures, which prompted the decision to raise base rates in September.

The City had been expecting manufacturing to rise by 0.5 per cent in August, the same level of growth seen in July. The Treasury said yesterday that the surprise fall in manufacturing was two thirds due to a sharp decline in oil refining because of an explosion at the Milford Haven refinery on July 24.

The Treasury also noted that the broad trend of manufacturing remains upwards, with growth in the three months to August up 0.8 per cent on the previous three months.

However, despite the special factors, manufacturing output would still have fallen by around 0.1 per cent in August with engineering, a significant part of overall manufacturing, falling by 0.3 per cent compared with July. Economists also pointed out that the three month against three month growth rate of 0.8 per cent was significantly below the 1.3 per cent equivalent in July and the 1.5 per cent rate in June.

Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said that these figures suggest that economic growth has decelerated since the halfway point of this year and that this should help ensure that the scope for base rate rises is more limited than the financial markets fear. He said that third quarter growth could be only 0.6 per cent higher than the second quarter, whereas growth was 1.1 per cent in the second quarter of this year compared with the first.

Analysts also noted that August's output figures pre-date September's evidence of slower car sales. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders figures showed that sales were up 6.5 per cent on September a year ago. For the third quarter, sales were up only 3.3 per cent on a year ago. In the first quarter, sales were up 16.8 per cent on the previous quarter and 10.6 per cent up year-on-year in the second.

This marked weakening in demand for cars is another piece of evidence that consumer demand is being dampened by tax increases and the damage to the housing market from higher interest rates.

The breakdown of yesterday's output figures suggest that investment remains extremely sluggish. The production of goods normally destined for investment fell in August. Taking the last three months against the previous three, production of investment goods was up by only 0.3 per cent. Output of intermediate goods — such as fuel and materials — edged down slightly in August.

Production of consumer goods rose in September but, taking the last three months against the previous three, the best guide to the underlying trend, this sector was up by only 0.2 per cent.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	2984.4	(+28.1)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1489.01	(+11.19)
Nikkei	19655.23	(-96.32)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3787.34	(Same)*
S&P Composite	453.76	(+0.24)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	94²⁸/₃₂*	(94²⁸/₃₂)
Yield	7.95%*	(7.95%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6%	(6⅛)
Little long gilt future (Dec)	99⅜	(99⅛)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5881*	(1.5855)
London		
$	1.5875	(1.5865)
DM	2.4508	(2.4559)
FFr	8.3800	(8.3570)
SFr	2.0317	(2.0260)
Yen	158.17	(157.73)
£ Index	86.2	(86.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5441*	(1.5445)
FFr	5.2785*	(5.2750)
SFr	1.2805*	(1.2795)
Yen	99.61*	(99.61)
$ Index	62.2	(62.1)

Tokyo close Yen 99.55

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$16.90	($16.75)

GOLD

London close	$391.75	($392.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Road success

The construction industry has responded vigorously to a government invitation to design, build, finance and operate four new road schemes likely to cost several hundred million pounds. Page 24

Etam caution

A doubling of profits at Etam, the high street fashion retailer, was overshadowed yesterday by a warning that sales had weakened in recent weeks. The strong trend seen in the first half had tailed off in the first few weeks of the second half. Like-for-like sales rose nearly 5 per cent. Page 25

BSkyB heads for market at £4bn plus

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting, the satellite television operation, is coming to the stock market in what is likely to be the biggest City flotation of any company outside privatisation issues.

Sympathetic City analysts have put a price tag of between £4 billion and £6 billion on BSkyB, which is half-owned by News International, the owner of *The Times*, after an upsurge in the fortunes of the satellite broadcaster over the past couple of years.

BSkyB yesterday confirmed that it was considering an initial primary public offering of its shares, and listings on the London and New York stock exchanges, indicating that its shareholders had now agreed in principle to float.

The company has appointed Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, and Lazard Brothers as joint advisers and co-sponsors of the possible flotation. Goldman Sachs would be global co-ordinator and lead manager in all markets around the world, with Barclays de Zoete Wedd as joint broker.

BSkyB is not indicating how much it will raise, but it is expected that new equity equivalent to almost a fifth of the enlarged share capital would be issued, with none of the existing investors selling shares. No timescale is being set, but shortly before Christmas is seen as a potential time if market conditions allow.

The aim would be to pay off BSkyB's £1.2 billion of outstanding debt, either taken out or guaranteed by shareholders. Along with News International, the main investors are Pearson, the conglomerate that owns the *Financial Times* and Lazards, with 17.5 per cent, Granada (13.5 per cent) and the French media group Chargeurs (17.5 per cent).

Granada, which operates the independent television franchise in the North West, is keen to cut its stake, while the French are thought to want to raise theirs. Investment in BSkyB could be attractive to a number of big American cable television operators.

Indications are, therefore, that News International's holding will be diluted to 40 per cent after any float, Granada's to 10.5 per cent and Pearson's to 14 per cent. The Chargeurs stake should be little changed, at 17 per cent.

BSkyB was formed in November 1990 from the merger of News International's Sky TV operation and its rival, British Satellite Broadcasting. Although both operations had sustained initial heavy losses setting up competing satellite services, the merged unit went into the black on a month-by-month basis early in 1992.

In the year to June 1992, BSkyB lost £47 million at operating level. By the next financial year, it had notched up operating profits of £61 million, and these rose to £170 million by 1993-94, the latest financial year. During the same period, revenues grew from £380 million to £550 million.

This profits growth reflected a sharp upturn in paying subscribers to BSkyB, up during the last financial year from 2.35 million to 3.45 million.

The company earlier this year raised £500 million of external debt to repay its shareholders, which paved the way for a flotation. BSkyB said in August that it had now paid out £620 million to its shareholders. One adviser last night commented: "The logical next step is to put it on a properly capitalised basis."

Analysts were generally enthusiastic about prospects for a float, although they said that the amount that could be raised would depend on the state of currently turbulent stock markets.

The business has the advantage of contracts to buy films from most of the big Hollywood studios, and the right to show Premier League football. Obtaining such software is one of the main stumbling blocks met by other big media operations, such as cable television companies seeking to enter British broadcasting.



On screen at the news centre of BSkyB, coming to market in what is likely to be the biggest non-privatisation flotation

Lottery opening 11 offices

BY GEORGE SIVELL

THE National Lottery is to open 11 regional offices this month in preparation for the launch next month of the National Lottery.

The offices are intended to provide help for customers, information on how to play, support and training for retailers, and a base for local sales forces. They will also pay out cheques to the lucky winners. The jackpot for the first live television draw on Saturday, November 19, could be as much as £2 million.

Those who win £10,000 or more must claim their prizes from a National Lottery regional office. Winners can choose to collect any level of prize from the regional offices. All prize claims will be paid by cheque because none of the offices will hold cash. Camelot, operator of the lottery, says there will be hundreds of thousands of winners each week of prizes ranging from £10 to thousands of pounds.

The regional offices will be in Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Reigate, Sunderland and Watford. About 10,000 retail outlets, including supermarkets, newsagents, convenience stores, off-licences, petrol stations and Post Offices, will sell National Lottery tickets from the November launch.

Trustees struggle to recover funds from charity's chain

BY ROBERT MILLER

TRUSTEES of the Mental Health Foundation, which include Tessa Baring, chairman of the Prime Minister's charities and voluntary organisations deregulation task force, are struggling to recover hundreds of thousands of pounds from a chain of 12 shops that went into liquidation in August.

Other trustees include Lady Kingsdown, wife of Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the former Governor of the Bank of England, and Jocelyn Stevens, the chief executive of English Heritage. The responsibilities of trustees have been far more onerous since the introduction of the Charities Act 1992.

The shops, which traded under the name Golden Opportunities Shops, were a non-charitable, wholly owned subsidiary of the Mental Health Foundation. According to records filed at Companies House, the failed company owes £300,000 to trade creditors, including some £280,000 to the Mental Health Foundation, which involves a £220,000 loan. A further £25,000 is owed to preferential creditors, among them the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and former staff members of the 12 shops who were made redundant when they ceased trading. Taylor Gotham and Fry, the liquidator, is trying to recover assets.

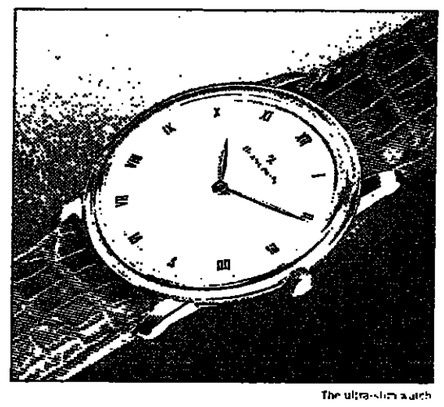
A number of the charity shops were acquired on leases, some of which run for up to ten years. Since no rent has been paid since liquidation, the leases will revert to the property owners.

In the year to March, Golden Opportunities Shops reported a turnover of £605,000 but no profits were passed to the charity during that time. The *Third Sector* magazine reported that the chain of shops failed to prosper in spite of advice on development from managers seconded from Marks and Spencer. The subsidiary covenanted profits of £179,000 to the charity over 16 years.

The Charity Commissioners said yesterday that it had this year received an "expression of concern" that the charity had financially supported Golden Opportunities Shops. The watchdog hoped that the trustees could "come back with firm proposals" for the recovery of funds by the end of the year. "After that, we will decide what to do next."

The Mental Health Foundation said: "All possible measures are being taken to protect the interests of Golden Opportunities Shops creditors."

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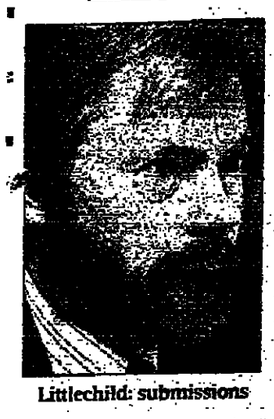
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Fossil-fuel levy on electricity bills comes under attack

Littlechild calls for nuclear shake-up



Littlechild: submissions

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE electricity industry regulator yesterday called for the break-up of Nuclear Electric, the state-owned atomic power company that supplies a quarter of electricity in England and Wales.

In submissions to the Government's nuclear review, Stephen Littlechild also condemned pleas for special measures to aid atomic plant construction and proposed a cut in the £1 billion a year levy that supports the nuclear industry.

Because of his responsibilities for the oversight of power markets, ministers will be obliged to take Professor Littlechild's views extremely seriously.

Nuclear Electric, which has campaigned vigorously to be privatised under an artificially favourable regime, was clearly disappointed. Bob Hawley, the chief executive, said a break-up "can only strengthen the dominant grip of National Power and PowerGen," the two privatised fossil-fuel generators.

Professor Littlechild highlighted the growing impact of the nuclear companies due to improved efficiency. Nuclear Electric now commands a quarter of the electricity market in England and Wales, while Scottish Nuclear supplies half the power consumed in Scotland, he said.

He proposed that the older Magnox power plants, supplying about 8 per cent of power in England and Wales and carrying heavy decommissioning liabilities, should be established under a separate company. The remaining five advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGR) and the Sizewell pressurised water plant, of Nuclear Electric, and the two AGR plants of Scottish Nuclear, should be reshuffled to create two competing companies.

Professor Littlechild dismissed Nuclear Electric pleas for help to build new atomic power stations. He said it was "difficult to see a capacity or diversity case that would warrant government intervention at present to secure construction of new nuclear plant".

He also attacked the fossil-fuel levy, a 10 per cent tax on consumer bills to pay for decommissioning atomic plants.

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MMC finds complex monopoly in film supply

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A MONOPOLIES and Mergers Commission inquiry into the supply of films to UK cinemas has found a "complex monopoly" exists between the big players in the £100 million a year film distribution market.

In a far-ranging report published yesterday, it has recommended changes designed to improve the supply of big, money-spinning movies by the giant, largely US-owned distributors to small, independent cinemas. It also recommends the creation of an industry panel to help resolve the complaints of the independent film houses and has called on the Office of Fair Trading to monitor the relationships between Hollywood studios and the main UK cinema chains which they own or part-own.

But the MMC concluded the main problems faced by UK film makers were beyond the scope of its 10-month inquiry and could not simply be blamed on the Hollywood studios.

"We regret that the proportion of culturally British films to be seen in UK cinemas is low, but we do not attribute this to any consipiracy or other improper behaviour on the part of the Hollywood studios or their UK affiliates," it said. "In so far as British film-makers produce popular films, our recommendations, if implemented, may incidentally facilitate the showing of these in UK cinemas."

Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, said that the report found that two practices inherent in the current distribution — alignment and minimum distribution periods — were against the public interest.

Alignment, whereby certain cinema chains have arrangements with distributors to show their films first, was condemned in a 1983 MMC report. "The industry is now stronger and the MMC has recommended the practice be brought to an end," he said. He added the minium exhibition period that distributors can require a cinema to show a film should be reduced from four weeks to two, to give single-screen cinemas or those with few screens greater freedom to respond to demand.

The minister said the report showed competition in the cinema marketplace was effective. More than 70 multi-plex cinemas had been constructed in the last ten years and exhibitors had invested heavily in refurbishing old premises. "Advertising and publicity budgets have risen strongly. Audiences have doubled after years of decline," he said.

Leading distributors welcomed the report. Michael Williams-Jones, president and chief executive of United International Pictures, said: "The MMC has understood that the film industry in the UK is highly competitive and, as a result of competition, the cinema-goer of today is able to see films sooner and in better cinemas than ever before." The five big distributors are Buena Vista International, Columbia Pictures, Twentieth Century Fox, UIP and Warner Brothers. The leading exhibitors, who account for most of the £289 million annual box office receipts in the UK, are MGM, Odeon, National Amusements Ltd., United Cinemas and Warner Brothers.

John Woodward, chief executive of the Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television, said the report did nothing to improve the state of the UK film production sector. "The British film industry need political initiatives, such as tax breaks to encourage investment. It cannot be dealt with purely in terms of the marketplace and competition issues," he said.

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TSB staff plan 2-hour stoppage next week

Bifu, the banking, insurance and finance union, yesterday said it would start its campaign of industrial action against TSB with a two-hour national stoppage a week today. The strike, which is over performance-linked pay, is from 9am to 11am and will involve 15,000 managerial and clerical staff at TSB's 1,200 branches and head office.

TSB and Bifu negotiators are due to meet again at Acas, the conciliation service, on Monday after talks were adjourned on Wednesday night. The union said further stoppages could follow unless further progress is made at those talks.

Packager dips

Barry Wehmiller, the packaging equipment maker, cites strong performances in its pharmaceuticals and food business as the main reason for a second-half recovery in the year to July 31. Profits for the year were £2 million lower at £7.1 million. In the last six months, they were £3.5 million, down £400,000 on the previous year. The final dividend is 4.3p, making a same-again total for the year of 6.7p.

Radamec up

Radamec, the electronics and precision mechanical engineering group, increased pre-tax profits by 26 per cent to £421,000 in the first six months of the year, helped by higher margins. Turnover was £5.19 million (£5.99 million), earnings per share were 2.1p (1.8p) and the interim dividend rises by 40 per cent to 0.7p a share.

Ex-Lands leaps

Ex-Lands, the property investment and management group, increased pre-tax profits by 40 per cent to £1.28 million in the year to June 30. During the year, the company raised £36.3 million through share and loan stock issues, mostly invested in UK property. The dividend for the year rises by 20 per cent to 0.42p.

Builder buys

Taylor Woodrow has continued its expansion into the Florida housing market with the $20 million purchase of a 653-acre development site in a joint venture with Kenco Communities, a local developer.

Cooper sells

Frederick Cooper, the architectural hardware and electrical products group, is selling the principal electrical interests of Futters (London) to Roxburgh Holdings for £3.75 million cash.

JULIAN HERBERT



David Marsh, left, and Harry Evans of Dolphin Packaging, where raw material prices are rising by 30 to 40 per cent a year

Bidders jam route to construct toll roads

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE construction industry has responded vigorously to a government invitation to design, build, finance and operate four new road schemes likely to cost several hundred million pounds.

A total of 17 submissions to construct one or more of the schemes have been filed with the Department of Transport. The consortia include more than 70 companies, embracing construction groups and City financial institutions. Shortlists of bidders for the first project are likely to be revealed next month.

The construction competition will be the first under the Government's new "shadow-tolling" scheme. Private groups will fund the construction or upgrading of road links, and receive payment from the transport department based on the number of vehicles that use them. Later, the department hopes the road developers will collect tolls directly from travellers.

In addition, the road developers will retain responsibility for maintenance, providing, in effect, a road service to the transport department.

John Watts, the minister for roads and railways, welcomed the "strong interest" for the new strategy. "This should make for very healthy competition when we seek bids," he said. "Our initial step is to give these submissions very careful consideration to line up the best groups with the best schemes. But this is very encouraging."

Most of Britain's leading construction groups are believed to have joined consortia, together with some overseas contractors.

Smaller contractors have complained that the shift to design, build, finance and operate (DBFO) schemes, will exclude them from a growing proportion of public tenders, because they cannot afford to take on the financial risks. As a result, the Government's strategy is expected to speed the emergence of a group of larger key contractors, allied with City banking institutions.

Some of the first four DBFO projects are expected to cost more than £100 million to construct. Among the projects is a motorway-standard Yorkshire link road connecting the M1 with A1, bypassing Leeds. Another involves conversion of the A1 to motorway standard between Alconbury and Peterborough in Cambridgeshire.

The third package is for construction of the A419 Latton bypass in Wiltshire, the A417 Cirencester and Stratton bypass in Gloucestershire and widening to dual carriageway standard of the A417 north of Stratton to Nettleton. The successful bidder will also manage and maintain the the A417/A419 trunk road between Swindon and Gloucester. The fourth project is the management of the A69 trunk road between Carlisle and Newcastle and the construction of a bypass for Haltwhistle, Northumberland.

Record fine imposed on Tetrapak

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A £30 MILLION fine on Tetrapak, the company that makes juice and milk containers, was endorsed by the European Court of Justice yesterday.

The company, owned by Swedish brothers Gad and Hans Rausing, was fined by the European Commission and had its appeal rejected. It is the largest fine imposed by the Commission.

TetraPak was found guilty after an eight-year investigation of breaking competition rules by "bullying" rivals and heavily cutting prices to control the market for a decade.

According to legend, it was the brothers' late father, Ruben, who was inspired to invent the low-cost, germ-free packaging system he called TetraPak in 1944 after watching his mother making sausages. By 1952 the first TetraPak containers were being successfully produced and in a few years Ruben had a huge and diversified business.

TetraPak's tough streak has underlined its success. In 1991, it bought Alfa Laval, the Swedish agricultural and food processing group for £1.5 billion. It has also made big investments in Japan, Russia and the Ukraine since 1962, and invested more than £250 million in food processing plants.

Dolphin to pass on increases in prices

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MOGER Woolley, chairman at Dolphin Packaging, yesterday gave warning that the company had no choice but to pass on sharp rises in raw material prices to its customers, many of whom are in the food industry.

He said: "As with many companies in our field, the most pressing need is the recovery of raw material price increases, which are running at levels of 30 per cent to 40 per cent per annum. These cost increases are too great to be absorbed in efficiency gains and regrettably will be passed on to our customers." Of Dolphin's packaging products, 80 per cent go to the food industry, with most of the balance to the pharmaceutical industry.

Mr Woolley's remarks came as he unvieled minimal increases in profits and sales for the six months to June 30. Pre-tax profits rose 1.5 per cent to £1.15 million on turnover up 1 per cent to £12.7 million.

The dividend was held at 1.7p a share, which is being paid out of earnings of 3.47p a share, up from 3.42p last time. The dividend is being paid to shareholders on November 4. The shares fell 3p to 117p.

Mr Woolley said: "In the first three months, we performed better than in the previous year, but had difficulties in April and May with PVC manufacture which proved costly." These problems, resulting from an attack on PVC from the green lobby in The Netherlands are now resolved.

Mr Woolley is retiring after five years as chairman on January 1, to be replaced by Harry Evans, currently chief executive. David Marsh will become chief executive.

Amex to cut 6,000 jobs worldwide

AMERICAN Express said yesterday that some British workers could lose their jobs in a worldwide, cost-cutting plan. The company says it will sack up to 6,000 workers — 8.5 per cent of its staff — and cut costs vigorously to allow it to operate in the highly-competitive credit card business.

Around 4,000 American employees involved in credit card operations will be made redundant, with up to 2,000 more staff, also mostly in the US, being laid off. Amex said there could be job losses in the UK, though British operations were less likely to be hit than other European operations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Schroders, News Corp drop proceedings

SCHRODERS, the merchant bank, and The News Corporation, ultimate owner of *The Times*, have agreed that all proceedings between them should be dropped over announcements made last December by three News Corp subsidiaries concerning conversion of preference shares in the three companies into shares of Royal Doulton.

Schroders had wanted the dispute resolved by the City Disputes Panel and News Corp had sought to bring proceedings for a declaratory judgment in the High Court. However, Schroders was unwilling to be involved in High Court proceedings and News Corp was unwilling to submit the dispute to the City Disputes Panel.

Schroders said that the costs of High Court proceedings would have been substantial and could, in view of the amount at stake, have rendered any sum recovered nugatory. Schroders said that in arriving at this conclusion it also took into account the involvement of substantial administrative and executive time.

Sketchley's new chief

JOHN Jackson, former managing director of Anita Roddick's Body Shop International, has been made chief executive of Sketchley, the services group. Tony Bloom continues as the company's deputy chairman. Mr Jackson is a former chairman and managing director of Chesebrough-Pond's, the skin care products group.

☐ Kevin Abbott, a director of Redland, is moving to Bowater next year with responsibility for its worldwide health and beauty packaging operations.

Ellis sees prices rising

JONATHAN Taylor, chairman of Ellis & Everard, the chemicals group, told shareholders that the company is starting to see large increases in the prices of the chemicals it distributes, although many are still below the levels reached three years ago. Speaking at the company's annual meeting yesterday, he said that sales were 14 per cent higher in the first five months of the year at £200.5 million. He said sales in the UK and Ireland were 17 per cent higher and sales in America were up 12 per cent.

Plantation raises payout

PLANTATION & General Investments, formerly The Chillington Corporation, says second-half 1994 profits should be materially higher than the £971,000 (£808,000) pre-tax reported for the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises from 0.75p to 1p a share. The estates in Malawi and Zimbabwe have produced record coffee crops, and are expected to benefit from the recent rise in coffee prices. The company's Eastern Highlands Plantations subsidiary is to be listed on the Zimbabwe stock exchange shortly.

Tyler steps down

RICHARD Tyler is stepping down from the board of Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks Holdings, the quoted estate agency and chartered surveyors group, although he is to continue working for the company in a consultancy role. Anthony Turnbull, the chief executive, said that the split had been "friendly" and arose out of the merger last year with Bernard Thorpe. A "modest" compensation package has been agreed with Mr Tyler, who was on a six-month contract with the group.

WBB buys German firm

WATTS Blake Bearne, the ball clay producer, is paying £11 million cash for Martin & Pagenstecher Rohstoffbetriebe, one of Germany's largest companies in the ball clay market. The deal will be partly funded from existing resources and partly through additional borrowings. WBB expects the acquisition to be earnings neutral in the first year. Martin & Pagenstecher reported sales of £7.5 million in the year ended September 30, 1993, and pre-tax profits, excluding an exceptional bad-debt write-off, of £700,000.

JIB acquires broker

JIB Group, the quoted insurance broker in which Jardine Matheson has a majority stake, continued its policy of expansion via small bolt-on acquisitions with the C$1.97 million (£920,000) purchase of a Canadian broker. Jardine Rolfe, JIB's Canadian subsidiary, is buying OME Insurance Brokers, which specialises in insurances for municipalities in Ontario. The consideration is payable in instalments. OME made a pre-tax profit of C$349,000 in the year to September 30 on gross revenues of C$1.5 million.

Bid may derail merger



THE giant US railway merger announced in June came under pressure yesterday when Union Pacific made a hostile bid for Santa Fe Pacific, offering $3.4 billion in stock. Burlington Northern had agreed with Santa Fe to a share exchange deal worth $2.7 billion. Union Pacific insisted that its bid was serious, denying that it was merely trying to scupper the original merger. "We have requested that Santa Fe's board consider our proposal as soon as possible," Drew Lewis, left, the company's chairman and CEO, said.

Helene cuts a dash with 31% advance

A STRONG performance by the womenswear business at Helene, the fashionwear manufacturer and distributor, helped lift profits 31 per cent in the first half (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The group, which lists high street retailers such as Burton, BhS and C&A among its customers, made pre-tax profits of £1.28 million in the six months to June 30, up from £975,000 in the previous period. Turnover rose to £51.8 million, from £45.9 million.

The bottom line benefited from a £250,000 insurance payment for a business interruption claim made after a fire at one of its warehouses in September of last year. A further payment of £500,000 is expected. Michael Harris, chairman, said Reggie, the clothing company acquired for £10 million in June, was performing better than had been expected and would contribute in the second half.

Trading is sound and Mr Harris was confident of a good full-year result. The interim dividend stays at 0.65p.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Secretary
7 October 1994

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COMPANIES COURT
NO. 5970 OF 1994
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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 3rd October 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £9,305,000 to £9,305,000 and the minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 5th October 1994.

DATED the 7th day of October 1994

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THE TRIANGLE GROUP LIMITED
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SECTION 173 COMPANIES ACT 1976
1. On 30th September 1994 by Special Resolution the members of the Company approved a payment out of capital for the purchase of 1,216 ordinary shares for the sum of £60,000.
2. The amount of permissable payment for the purchase of the shares in question is £60,784
3. A statutory declaration and auditor's report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office.
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A Collins, Secretary.

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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M R DORRINGTON, Liquidator

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Dated 04 October 1994
Peter Hickman Liquidator

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S.G. TAYLOR, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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M R DORRINGTON, Liquidator

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Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mkk	8.22	7.52
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.90	11.90
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2575.00	2429.00
Japan Yen	173.00	156.00
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.892	2.662
Norway Kr	11.26	10.46
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd		5.63
Spain Pte	210.50	196.50
Swedsn Kr	12.36	11.56
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
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Boards hold key to growth

☐ THERE is nothing like a rogue statistic to set City economists at odds. The 0.3 per cent fall in manufacturing output in August put the ink-blot test in the shade. For those who expect short-term interest rates to keep rising, this oddity showed no break in the powerful upward trend of industrial output. For those who thought monetary tightening premature, it was more evidence of a slowdown.

Much of the difference depends on how you explain the fall. Was it, as the Treasury argues, mainly due to the Milford Haven refinery explosion? Or was there more meaning in the slowdown of growth in all but one main sector? Stand back, and the argument remains equally misty. Is it worrying that industrial production in the three months to August was only 0.8 per cent higher than in the previous three months, the lowest rise since January? Or is it reassuring that annual growth in manufacturing has risen from 3.9 to 4.2 per cent, since August 1993 was even duller?

The answer is that none of this detail matters much unless you are obsessed with the niceties of monetary policy, as City economists have to be. Industrial output accounts for less than a third of the economy, albeit the leading and most volatile part. Recovery was subdued in the initial stages, but has still been going long enough to expect growth to settle down. The latest quarter-on-quarter rise in industrial production is about 0.85 per cent, excluding the Milford Haven effect, though it may well look worse in a month's time. That is just about consonant with annual growth of 3 to 3½ per cent. But that depends on other sectors. Some of them, including housing and financial services, are dull too.

Growth at this sort of pace is what the Treasury and the Bank of England have in mind as sustainable. It is nowhere near enough on its own to allow the vast army of underemployed to earn a decent living and therefore not enough to make public finances healthy. But it is what they have in mind.

With the important exception of housing, interest-rate movements should not have much influence, unless steady Eddie and canny Ken suddenly go bananas. At this stage, monetary policy should be no more than a controller, mimicking what a free market in money might do. It should not aim to exercise a strong influence. Even movements in headline inflation over the next few months will have little to do with demand.

The future of the recovery depends mainly on the behaviour of firms, and to a lesser extent on growth in export markets. Foreigners are doing their bit in accelerating growth. With honourable exceptions, big companies are sitting on their record financial surpluses. They have to decide whether sustainable 3 per cent growth makes it worth their while to expand, or to use the money to another bout of takeovers and rationalisation. The omens are not good.



Home truths for nuclear power

☐ STEPHEN Littlechild used to be a soft regulator. He is now showing his mettle. The electricity watchdog rejected all the special pleading of the atomic power industry and set the Government clear goals for its current review of nuclear policy.

Improved competition in power markets, he said, should have top priority. To achieve that, the old Magnox atomic stations, with all their decommissioning liabilities, should be put into a separate state company. The rest of Nuclear Electric should be slimmed down, by forcing it to swap assets with Scottish Nuclear, establishing competing nuclear generators. If they can be privatised, fine. But no way should Government rig the market to promote new nuclear plants when private groups are queueing to build more cost-effective gas-fired plants.

His clear and simple logic contrasts with the disingenuous lobbying of Nuclear Electric. Its false claims of viability for new nuclear plants and pursuit of privatisation have sullied credibility earned by improving output from existing plants. In desperation, Nuclear Electric now says the State should rig the power market to make construction of a Sizewell C plant viable. Otherwise Britain will fail to meet its commitments to cut emissions of carbon dioxide, the "greenhouse gas".

These arguments are easily demolished by Dieter Helm, a leading independent power economist. Atomic plants have high construction costs. Their viability depends upon interest rates and output efficiency. Nuclear Electric, he suggests, has "manipulated" its analysis to produce a likely price of 2.9p a unit. More realistic assumptions suggest something nearer 4.8p a unit. The newest gas plants can generate for half as much. Nuclear power will remain uneconomic unless long-term interest rates fall substantially, or the price of alternative fuels jumps. The environmental argument is equally feeble. It is cheaper to reduce carbon emissions by improving energy efficiency.

Britain's electricity industry is being transformed by market forces. Professor Littlechild is right. Let them finish the job.

Dire radio suits London

☐ TODAY should be the day London's yuppies finally get the radio they want, although by now the concepts of Radio Stockbroker and Radio Dire Straits both have a distinctly 1980s feel. If the omens are being read right, the choice on the capital's dials should be enlarged to take in both a full-time business radio service and an adult contemporary music service.

London's Business Radio, put together by GWR Group, one of the quoted radio sector's darlings, and by Reuters and Associated Newspapers, is a clear front-runner for one of the four new London licences. Winners of the four new frequencies, and of the existing franchises of Capital FM and Capital Gold, will be announced by the Radio Authority this lunchtime.

Among the losers look to be a string of ethnic minority stations, whose constituencies are already felt to be well served, and Capital itself, probably the City's favourite among the radio companies. The sector, previously overlooked, has been propelled to the fore by the excitement generated through unexpected takeovers in the television sector as well as a bit of judicious corporate activity within radio itself.

Capital will be a loser not because it will be stripped of its franchises but because any successful Radio Dire Straits will inevitably draw audiences away from FM and Gold. Capital is understandably distressed about the emergence of a competitor such as Emap, but this would go a long way towards filling a long-felt need among listeners while giving advertisers a powerful new outlet.

The French way

☐ NO year-long public campaign for Renault's privatisation issue. The French government wants to see shares trading by the end of the year. That may have something to do with angry Renault workers halting the Paris bourse yesterday. Frustrated British postal workers will reflect sadly on the passing of London's trading floor. Picketing a dozen anonymous office blocks is not quite the same.

Warning on sales casts shadow over Etam result

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A DOUBLING of profits at Etam, the high street fashion retailer, was overshadowed yesterday by a warning that sales had weakened in recent weeks.

Rodney East, managing director, said that the strong trend seen in the first half had tailed off in the first few weeks of the second half. Like-for-like sales increased by just under 5 per cent in the first six months to £113.4 million, but were now running slightly below last year.

He said the initial lull was expected after a strong summer period that left little merchandise available for markdown. However, he said that sales had not picked up in the past two or three weeks as expected. "At the moment, we can't put a finger on what it is, but it is happening across the board," he said.

Keith Miles, finance director, said that it was too early to tell whether it was a real trend and he remained unperturbed by the development. However, he predicted consumer confidence was likely to be patchy after recent interest rate rises and planned tax increases.

The group, whose high street brands include Tammy and Snob, made pre-tax profits of £4.7 million in the 28 weeks to August 13, up from £2.4 million in the previous period. Profits would have been even higher had it not been for a £1.1 million exceptional charge to cover the cost of disposing of unprofitable shops.

Mr Miles said that the strong rise in profits was driven by a combination of better stock managment, which had reduced the level of markdowns, and increased prices as the group shifted towards higher quality, higher priced merchandise.

The store refurbishment programme that was announced earlier this year is underway. The new format, which includes a lighter, less cluttered store layout, will see the demise of the distinctive yellow Etam logo. Mr East said that the logo had served the company well in its time, but was now passé.

Mr Miles said that newly-refurbished stores were performing above the group average and achieving satisfactory sales uplifts. A quarter of the 224-store chain will have been refurbished by the end of the year. Capital expenditure in the full year is expected to treble to about £15 million to fund the roll-out of the new format.

The interim dividend is lifted to 1.95p (1.75p) and will be paid to shareholders on January 4.

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Cheers: Tim Martin, left, chairman of J D Wetherspoon, the public house group, and Mark McQuater, managing director, toast an excellent second-half performance that helped to propel pre-tax profits from £4.17 million to £6.48 million in the year to July 31. Mr Martin said bar sales had strengthened significantly in the second half and that trend had continued into the first two months of this financial year. The high average turnover achieved in the company's public houses and the rate of new openings left it in a strong position to negotiate advantageous terms with beer suppliers. Mr Martin said: "In London, the underlying economy has probably come up a bit, and there's a generally stronger trend in beer sales." Earnings per share rose by 29 per cent to 18.2p, and the company is paying a final dividend of 4.4p on December 16, increasing the total to 6.6p, from 5.4p.

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Walker jury told 'fraud need not ruin widows'

BY JON ASHWORTH

SHAREHOLDERS of public companies are entitled to be protected from abuse of trust by the directors in charge, a court heard yesterday. Everyone from large corporate investors to small shareholders has the right to see their funds safeguarded to the last penny.

Judge Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, summing up in the trial of George Walker and Wilfred Aquilina, former kingpins of the Brent Walker empire, said multimillion-pound company fraud did not have to leave "ruined widows and orphans" in its wake to qualify as "real" crime. He told Southwark Crown Court that the question of victims was first raised by Mr Walker's counsel, who had said no evidence had been heard from widows and orphans who had lost money.

The judge said: "One would have thought by now we had moved away from the idea that real fraud must be about ruining widows and orphans and in some way, shape or form commercial company fraud might somehow be victimless. It is not."

Every transaction that featured in the case — "millions here, millions there" — involved "real money down to the very last penny", he told the jury. While it was difficult to relate to the "telephone number" transactions involved, they should remember money was entrusted to a public company by its shareholders.

The judge said: "It doesn't matter who they are or the size of their shareholdings. They are all equally entitled to be protected from an abuse of trust by the directors. The fact that you haven't heard from widows and orphans, although it is a truism, may not be really to the point."

Mr Walker, 65, former chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker, and Mr Aquilina, 43, former group finance director, deny various charges of theft and false accounting. They are accused of falsely inflating profits at Brent Walker's film division to the tune of £19.3 million over a six-year period.

Mr Walker and Mr Aquilina, the judge said, had been accused of pursuing "a deliberate policy of false accounting" that relied on "a huge international money laundering operation" and circular flows of money involving millions of pounds. They were said to be involved in a "carefully orchestrated cover-up" designed to dupe police and accountants alike.

The trial continues today.

Halifax's proposed BNP deal approved

BY ROBERT MILLER

HALIFAX Building Society, Britain's biggest mortgage lender, with 1.8 million borrowers, yesterday received clearance from the Department of Trade and Industry clearance to proceed with its proposed acquisition of the UK mortgage book of Banque Nationale de Paris.

The French bank's mortgage book is valued at £1.5 billion and the Halifax is currently conducting a "due diligence" exercise on the mortgages. This began in August and is expected to be completed by next month. The society hopes to finalise the purchase by January.

The proposed deal is being negotiated through the society's wholly-owned Halifax Loans subsidiary, which currently administers £1.1 billion worth of mortgage business.

By purchasing BNP's mortgage book, the Halifax would lift its overall share of the UK mortgage market from one go to at least 16 per cent, from its present level of 15.5 per cent.

A BNP purchase would be consistent with the Halifax desire to be, by an even wider margin, Britain's biggest building society.

It is with that ambition in mind that industry speculation continues to centre on a possible merger between the Halifax and the Leeds Permanent, which is the country's fifth-largest society.

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, formerly occupied the same position at the Leeds. In the 18 months since his departure, the Leeds has not replaced him.

Grainger Trust expands commercial property arm

BY CARL MORTISHED

GRAINGER Trust, the property group that owns one of the largest tenanted residential portfolios in the UK, is expanding its commercial property arm in a £60.8 million deal, which will boost net assets and earnings per share.

Grainger is shifting the balance of its investments towards commercial real estate with the purchase of Frincon Holdings, a private company, which owns a portfolio of 37 properties valued at £81.3 million and mainly in the retail and industrial sectors. Grainger is taking on the mortgage liabilities of £45 million: after tax and other allowances the net cost of the investment portfolio is £19.3 million plus £11.6 million for the cash balances in the company.

In addition, Grainger is paying £29.9 million for a further 16 properties owned by Frincon but with the option to sell all or some of the buildings back to the vendors in one year's time, at the purchase price. Stephen Dickinson, managing director, said the option portfolio contained a large number of leases close to termination, which, if renewed, could boost the value. "If we don't get lease extensions we have the option to put the properties back" he said.

"The deal allows us to build a 1.3 million sq ft portfolio with average rental income of £6.50 per sq ft. We are effectively getting a 13.5 per cent yield on day one." Grainger's current two-thirds bias to residential will be transformed to an equal weighting in both sectors, plus 10 per cent in development land.

The £60 million purchase price is to be paid with 4 million new Grainger shares plus £50.7 million in loan notes. After the deal is completed, Robin Tomkins, the vendor, is to join the Grainger board. Grainger estimates that its profits in the year to September 30 were £5.6 milion and is forecasting a total dividend of 5.9p (5.25p).

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Legal battle for names' tax relief



Deeny: leading plaintiff

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

FOR once, Lloyd's names are not the losers. A battle is taking place between the Inland Revenue and the defendants in the Gooda Walker action spearheaded by Michael Deeny. Both parties are arguing that they are entitled to any tax relief that might be recoverable from names as a result of Tuesday's estimated £504 million High Court ruling.

The Inland Revenue's stance on Lloyd's court awards is clear and dates back to the Outhwaite out-of-court settlement in 1991. Unlike in normal cases, compensation for Lloyd's losses is deemed by the Inland Revenue as a trading income.

The basis for the Inland Revenue's argument is that names have had the benefit of offsetting their Lloyd's losses against other income over the years. If they are now to be compensated for part of these losses, then the tax relief should be repaid.

Little can be found to argue with that logic. The bottom line of the Inland Revenue's stance is that names will not be left worse off — but nor will they be left better off. Just neutral.

Names will not simply get demands from the revenue for 40 per cent of their share in the record-breaking award, but will, in many cases, be able to offset their compensation against other losses.

The twist is that the defendants in the Gooda Walker action are calling for names to be compensated net of tax. They want to benefit from names' tax relief rather than the revenue, and thus pay less compensation to the names.

Mr Justice Phillips, the judge in the Gooda Walker action, is reserving judgment on the tax treatment of the award. In his 146-page draft judgment, handed down on Tuesday, he said: "Difficult issues arise in relation to the effect of taxation on the measure of damages. These became apparent at a late stage of the action and were not fully developed in argument. It was agreed that they should be reserved for further argument."



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares push ahead but investors stay nervous

SHARE prices staged a technical rally encouraged by a better trend on Wall Street overnight and the surprise drop in manufacturing output during August.

The FT-SE 100 index opened on a positive note after the Dow Jones industrial average managed to reduce a fall of 50 points, at one point, to a deficit of just 14 points by the close.

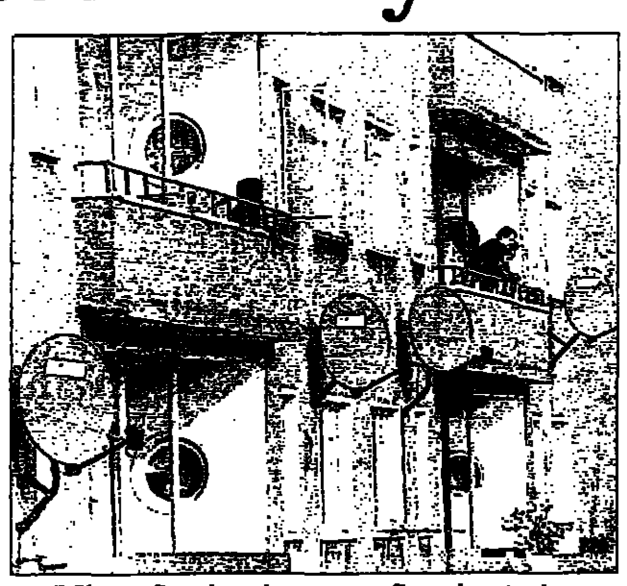
Further impetus to the market was supplied by the industrial production figures showing a 0.1 per cent drop when most economists had been predicting a rise of 0.4 per cent. Hoare Govett, the broker, said the fall was consistent with its view of a slowdown from the heady growth rates seen in the first half. Most brokers agreed that it took off some of the pressure for an imminent rise in domestic interest rates.

The index, which had shown signs of running out of steam earlier in the day, was further boosted by a modest buy programme executed by NatWest Securities, the broker. It eventually closed just below its best with a rise of 28.1 at 2,984.4.

Investors refused to be lulled into a false sense of security and, instead, decided to wait for today's crucial US employment and payroll numbers which could signal a rise in the prime rate. As a result, turnover remained modest with 579 million shares traded.

Confirmation came that BSkyB is to be floated on the London stock market and Wall Street with a price tag of around £5 billion. Word is that about 20 per cent of the company will be offered for sale made up of new shares. **The News Corporation**, ultimate owner of *The Times*, was 4p easier at 375p after going ex-dividend. It will see its 50 per cent stake in BSkyB reduced from 50 per cent to 40 per cent, while **Pearson**, 8p better at 590p, will have its stake cut from 17.5 per cent to 14 per cent and **Granada**, 2p better at 493p, from 13.5 to 10.5 per cent. Chargeurs, the French company, will continue to own about 17 per cent. Goldman Sachs and Lazard Brothers have been appointed joint advisers.

In the stores sector, **Burton Group** perked up 3p to 62p as more than 11 million shares changed hands on talk of a buy recommendation from Cazenove, its own broker.



BSkyB's flotation plan was confirmed yesterday

Marks and Spencer was also a firm spot, climbing 9p to 402p as almost 5 million shares changed hands. James Capel, the broker, has taken a shine to the shares and has started pushing them to institutional clients after upgrading its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £960 million to £984 million. Capel is also said to be a buyer of **BAT Industries**, up 7p at 424p.

GEC firmed 5p to 288p on claims that Hoare Govett was taking a positive stance on the shares. **BT** rose 8½p to 372½p, still benefiting from a number of meetings this week with brokers, such as Henderson Crosthwaite, Williams de Broe and NatWest Securities. Figures from the group are expected next month. **Reed International** was another firm market, adding 21p to 761p, as brokers gave further thought to this week's $1.5 billion acquisition by its Reed Elsevier joint venture of Mead Data Central.

The power generators continued to attract support in a thin market, with investors looking forward to the Government's sale of its remaining 40 per cent stake. **PowerGen** added 12p to 531p and **National Power**, 17p to 468p.

Kode International, the Swindon electronics group, touched 81p before retreating to end the session 4p lower at 60p, covering the fact that not a single share had changed hands. The shares have risen 20p during the past few days amid vague talk of a possible break-up bid. But Kode moved quickly to dispel talk of a bid. Apart from a positive mention in the trade press earlier this week, the company said it knew of no other reason for the rise. In August, Kode reported losses of £502,000 and scrapped the dividend.

Signs of a slowdown in sales growth sent **Etam** sliding 20½p to 282p. The group gave warning that sales for the first few weeks of the second half had reflected a weaker trend. The warning came as the group reported a jump in first-half pre-tax profits from £2.4 million to £4.74 million, achieved on the back of a 5 per cent increase in turnover to £113.4 million and tighter control over costs and margins.

Ellis & Everard firmed 2p to 260p after shareholders were told at the annual meeting that sales had grown 14 per cent during the first five months of the current year and price increases were starting to filter through.

Sherwood Group, the lingerie and nightwear maker, dipped 12p to 99p after reporting a 23 per cent fall in first-half profits to £5.96 million. The group blamed falling demand in this country and tough conditions in European lace markets.

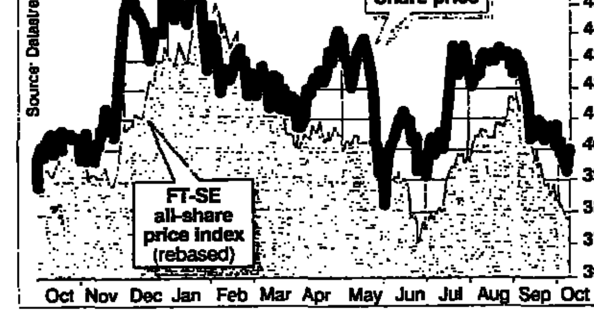
Sketchley was steady at 93p. It has appointed John Jackson, the former managing director of Body Shop, as chief executive. He replaces John Richardson, who retires this month.

GREAT Western Resources was steady at 42p on news of its farm-out agreement with Enterprise Oil for the concession on Block 65 in the Maranon Basin, Peru. GWR as operator retains a 51 per cent stake. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says prospects for a company the size of GWR are staggering.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts enjoyed early gains encouraged by the weaker than expected industrial production figures, with attention focused on shorter-dated coupons. But investors proved reluctant to chase prices higher, instead adopting a cautious stance ahead of the US employment and payroll numbers.

The December series of the long gilt finished £19/32 better at £99⅝ as a total of 60,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, shorter dated issues enjoyed the best gains, with Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 £11/32 better at £102 25/32, while at the longer end, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was £½ better at £102½.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Investors stayed on the sidelines before the September payroll figures due out today. The Dow Jones industrial average stood at 3,787.34 at midday, unchanged from the previous close.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3787.34 (Same)
S&P Composite 453.76 (+0.24)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19655.23 (-96.32)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9276.25 (-22.11)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 390.78 (+0.65)

Sydney:
AO 1976.3 (-3.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1961.03 (-7.69)

Singapore:
Straits 2333.31 (-47.52)

Brussels:
General 7003.64 (-22.56)

Paris:
CAC-40 1843.38 (+9.66)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 641.00 (+2.10)

London:

FT 30	2308.1 (+21.2)
FT 100	2984.4 (+28.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3445.5 (+16.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1390.84 (+4.36)
FT A All-Share	1489.01 (+11.19)
FT Non Financials	1612.76 (+13.32)
FT Gold Mines	281.6 (-0.5)
FT Fixed Interest	107.02 (+0.06)
FT Govt Secs	90.63 (+0.47)
Bargains	20425
SEAQ Volume	579.9m
USM (Datastrm)	155.90 (-0.07)
US$	1.5882 (+0.0003)
German Mark	2.4525 (+0.0035)
Exchange Index	80.2 (Same)
RPI	144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Compel (125)	116	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	63	-2
Ennemix (63)	67	-1
Games Workshop (115)	118	...
I & S ISIS Wts	31	...
Indpndnt Parts (112)	120	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	181	-2
Ryland (80)	82	...
Suter Wts 99/04	31	...
Templeton Emerg New	363	-1
Templeton Emerg Wts	191	...
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	325	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Jermyn Inv n/p (160)	2	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	26	+1
Unichem n/p (245)	11	+1
World of Leather n/p (75)	3	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Bass	527½p (+12p)
Courtaulds	440p (+11p)
Zeneca	809p (+10p)
National Power	468p (+17p)
PowerGen	531p (+12p)
IMI	302p (+16p)
Wellcome	670p (+18p)
Utd Friendly	480p (+20p)
Bristol Scotts	188p (+13p)
Br Aerospace	452p (+13p)
Elsevier	628½p (+43p)
Reed Int	761p (+21p)
Hambros	233p (+8p)
Mansfield	231p (+8p)
Inchape	418p (+8p)
GUS	569p (+8p)

FALLS:

JD Wetherspoon	408p (-14p)
Sherwood Gp	99p (-12p)
Mitel	212p (-9p)
Southern Elec	715p (-11p)
Wolseley	735p (-18p)
Capital Radio	358p (-9p)
Thomson Corp	695p (-40p)
Wintrust	263p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Forlorn franchises

THE new car registration figures were greeted with a very faint cheer by a motor dealer sector stuck in the doldrums. Registrations up 6.5 per cent in September followed a weak August. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders recorded a 3.3 per cent rise for the third quarter, a dramatic deceleration in growth after the 14 per cent rise in the first half.

On current estimates, the new car market will need a turbo charger to get to original estimates of 2 million vehicles this year, a serious blow to the manufacturers who have been building too much and a delight to consumers who have been able to secure good deals. Much of September's small burst of growth appears to have come from incentives and special deals reintroduced in the second half of August as manufacturers surveyed the dealer forecourts.

Motor dealers love to moan about how little they earn from selling new cars and complain that overbearing manufacturers prevent them from selling what they want, where they want. Few, however, would be prepared to tolerate a completely deregulated market out of fear that loss of the franchise would damage the servicing business, where dealers earn most of their profit.

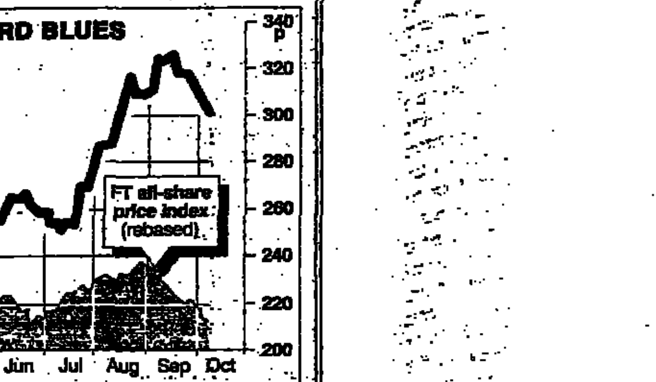
But the renewal of the European block exemption this week means that the dealership cottage industry is likely to continue, with manufacturers continuing to misprice the product, bullying dealers and selling discounted fleet cars out of the factory back gate. The motor dealer sector now stands at an historic discount to the all-share index. With the outlook for better profit margins as bleak as it has ever been, dealer support for the franchise system looks absurd.

Etam

IN the 1980s, Etam hitched itself to the stiletto heels of the young female office worker — Romford girl — whose income grew in leaps and bounds along with the thriving service sector. When shoulder pads slipped in the recession, the company had a rethink and has recently been taking its customers upmarket with better materials and a new store design in anticipation of consumer recovery.

The strategy paid off handsomely in the first half with almost 3 points added to the gross margin after a 5 per cent boost to sales. Etam sources most of its product in the UK and the retreat from the ERM a year ago enabled it discreetly to raise its margin an extra point as rival fashion importers passed on the cost of the fall in sterling with raised prices to consumers.

Etam is a fine-tuned and efficient operator and the reverse in the rising sales trend in recent weeks is, therefore, all the more disturbing. The company never abandoned the young suburban female office worker and falling sales suggests that the new soft fabric Romford woman may be worried about higher mortgages, taxes and bills. Etam's rapid stock turnover and efficient buying mean that it should be capable of adapting quickly to a downturn. Retailers are beginning to adjust to the idea of a leaner Christmas and Etam's sales figures suggest that its customers may not be stuffing their stockings.



Wetherspoon

TIM Martin continues to show an enviable ability to open pubs in the most unlikely areas and in the teeth of initial opposition from the licensing authorities, so the decision to split roles at the top of Wetherspoon to allow him to do just this makes clear sense.

The group managed to show the market a clean pair of heels yesterday in easily exceeding forecasts for the past year, aided by a better than expected second half performance. This period saw a rise in bar sales of 6 per cent, after a 5 per cent decline in the first half, which was reflected in a 3 per cent like-for-like sales increase.

Further growth will depend on expansion beyond the M25, where the new locations can expect £1 million a year of turnover as against perhaps £600,000 for Wetherspoon's traditional outlets. There must inevitably be continuing doubt over the company's ability to manage an enlarged and more widespread estate. But Wetherspoon is typical of the new breed of independent pub operators of a respectable size who can still wrest excellent deals out of the big brewers.

The £23 million of rights issue money raised in March and the 20 pubs opened last year, four outside the M25, should mean Wetherspoon will not have to struggle to get well above £9 million pre-tax this year, putting the shares on a hefty forward multiple of more than 18. Further progress is assured if the formula continues to work.

Property

SINCE the panic in the bond market in the spring, the property sector has been a poor performer. Lower interest rates provided the support for a commercial property recovery but as long bond yields rise, the attraction of property as an investment falls unless buyers are confident of rental increases.

The absence of good news on rents has dogged the office property market for several years, largely because of an ample supply of new vacant property giving tenants bargaining power. Recent statistics from Richard Ellis suggest the downward movement in rents is beginning to reverse.

For two consecutive months, the surveyor's monthly index shows small rises in office rents. The increase, mainly from City and West End properties, follows a growing shortage in availability of new buildings and augurs well for owners of new office buildings let since the collapse in rental values. But owners of obsolete properties will still suffer. For investors, spotting the companies that will benefit remains acute. Property companies never depreciate their assets and few companies disclose their expenditure on refurbishment.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	944-943	Mar	1059-1058
Mar	980-979	May	1071-1070
May	993-992	Jul	1082-1075
Jul	1006-1005	Sep	1100-1080
Sep	1019-1019		
Dec	1039-1038		Volume: 7913

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3870-3866	Jul	3715-3705
Jan	3844-3842	Sep	3695-3685
Mar	3765-3760	Nov	3700-3695
May	3735-3725		Volume: 3791

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	330.1-29.6
Spot: 336.50		Oct	315.0-13.0
Dec	330.5-30.0	Dec	314.8-11.0
Mar	330.7-30.2	Mar	316.3-10.5
May	330.6-30.1		Volume: 458

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	74.16	93.05	115.07
(+/-)	-2.10	+5.52	+0.28
Eng/Wales:	74.16	93.89	114.10
(+/-)	-2.10	+6.05	+0.47
(%)	+1.0	-37.0	-2.0
Scotland:	n/a	90.84	119.34
(+/-)	-	+4.20	-0.48
(%)	-	-34.0	-3.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.65	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.75	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.90	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.20	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.30	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B: 169 (-1)	O: 172 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	153 (n/c)	155 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	156 (-1)	157 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	158 (n/c)	159 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (+3)	83 (+4)
Naphtha	165 (+1)	167 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	154.50-54.75	Jan	160.50-60.75
Nov	156.75-57.00	Feb	161.00-61.25
Dec	159.00-59.25		Vol: 13780

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.89-16.91	Feb	17.05-17.07
Dec	16.99-17.00	Mar	17.04 SLR
Jan	17.03-17.05		Vol: 28220

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.05	Nov	103.20
Jan	107.35	Jan	105.40
Mar	109.30	Mar	107.35
May	111.40	May	109.65
Jul	113.45	Sep	94.00
Volume 196		Volume: 30	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	221.0	218.6
May	unq	238.0
		Volume: 104

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Nov 87.25-87.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1810	1790	1805
Nov 94	1790	1770	1778
Dec 94	1780	1760	1773
Jan 95	1715	1705	1710

Vol: 320 lots. Open interest 2547. Index 1725 +30

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2542.0-2543.0	2538.0-2539.0	2670150
Lead ($/tonne)	632.00-633.00	644.50-645.00	346700
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1050.5-1051.5	1071.0-1072.0	624700
Tin ($/tonne)	5390.0-5400.0	5475.0-5480.0	29935
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1631.0-1631.5	1650.0-1650.5	1545375
Nickel ($/tonne)	6580.0-6581.0	6685.0-6690.0	62736

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	2990.0	3017.0	2980.0	2996.0	13006
Previous open interest: 55967	Mar 95				3020.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.20	93.33	93.19	93.30	43589
Previous open interest: 495582	Mar 95	92.27	92.45	92.27	92.40	30964
	Jun 95	91.63	91.79	91.62	91.74	7242
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	93.92	93.92	93.91	93.93	61
Previous open interest: 2940	Mar 95	93.54	93.54	93.54	93.54	2
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.62	94.66	94.62	94.63	20971
Previous open interest: 700714	Mar 95	94.22	94.27	94.21	94.24	27846
Long Gilt	Dec 94	99-06	99-30	99-06	99-20	60848
Previous open interest: 94149	Mar 95	98-20	99-02	98-20	99-00	13
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.26	107.36	107.28	107.33	1459
	Mar 95				106.58	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	87.90	89.33	87.90	88.30	120959
Previous open interest: 156492	Mar 95	87.36	87.59	87.36	87.47	1118
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest:						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.56	93.60	93.52	93.58	1623
Previous open interest: 19659	Mar 95	92.97	93.05	92.95	92.99	1280
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.62	95.66	95.60	95.62	3158
Previous open interest: 43305	Mar 95	95.21	95.27	95.21	95.24	1745
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	97.68	98.15	97.53	97.85	34053
Previous open interest: 66156	Mar 95	97.07	97.20	97.07	97.16	265

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5¾ close 5

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅞	6⅜	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7
Dollar CDs:	5.11	n/a	5.58	5.85	6.37
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¾-4⅝	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5⅞-5¾	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-5	5⅜-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	5⅛-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	4-3¾	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.75-392.15 Close: $391.50-392.00 High: $391.75-392.15 Low: $390.50-391.00 AM: $391.90 PM: $392.00

Krugerrand: $391.75-393.75 (£246.00-248.00)

Platinum: $421.25 (£265.70) Silver: $5.64 (£3.555) Palladium: $153.60 (£96.90)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7411-2.7459	2.7424-2.7459	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	50.34-50.45	50.37-50.47	4-1pr	10-3pr
Copenhagen	9.5560-9.6080	9.5890-9.6040	par-⅛ds	¼-1⅛ds
Dublin	1.0105-1.0145	1.0107-1.0134	3pr-par	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.4481-2.4524	2.4492-2.4524	⅛pr-par	⅛-⅛pr
Lisbon	249.55-250.35	249.71-250.35	90-110ds	240-290ds
Madrid	203.05-203.41	203.10-203.40	36-44ds	94-113ds
Milan	2480.30-2489.10	2482.80-2486.90	6-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1355-2.1417	2.1378-2.1408	0.12-0.05pr	0.22-0.12pr
New York	1.5856-1.5880	1.5870-1.5880	0.07-0.05pr	0.15-0.12pr
Oslo	10.6590-10.6830	10.6590-10.6740	⅛-⅜ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Paris	8.3630-8.3850	8.3730-8.3870	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅜-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.6580-11.7020	11.6600-11.6840	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	157.99-158.22	158.03-158.30	36-44ds	94-113ds
Vienna	17.2300-17.2700	17.2300-17.2700	1⅛-⅛pr	4⅛-2⅛pr
Zurich	2.0279-2.0332	2.0302-2.0332	⅛-⅛pr	1-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3511-1.3518
Austria	10.86-10.87
Belgium (Com)	31.76-31.77
Canada	1.3487-1.3492
Denmark	6.0445-6.0475
France	5.2760-5.2770
Germany	1.5435-1.5445
Hong Kong	7.7271-7.7276
Ireland	1.5675-1.5685
Italy	1564.5-1565.5
Japan	99.60-99.70
Malaysia	2.5608-2.5618
Netherlands	1.7286-1.7291
Norway	6.7223-6.7243
Portugal	157.50-157.60
Singapore	1.4800-1.4810
Spain	128.00-128.05
Sweden	7.3636-7.3736
Switzerland	1.2792-1.2797

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5828-1.5855
Australia dollar	2.1439-2.1459
Bahrain dinar	0.5925-0.6045
Brazil real*	1.3369-1.3411
Cyprus pound	0.7375-0.7475
Finland markka	7.547-7.663
Greece drachma	370.50-377.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2583-12.2629
India rupee	49.30-50.26
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4675-0.4775
Malaysia ringgit	4.0625-4.0653
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.6213-2.6253
Pakistan rupee	48.08 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.892-6.018
Singapore dollar	2.3480-2.3511
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6303-6.6822
S Africa rand (com)	5.6659-5.6743
U A E dirham	5.7680-5.8920

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,200	Legal & Gn	722
ASDA Gp	15,000	Lloyds Bk	2,900
Abbey Natl	932	MEPC	196
Alld Domecq	1,100	Marks Spr	5,400
Argyll Gp	3,900	*NatWst Bk*	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	8,900	Nat Power	5,300
AB Foods	856	Nth Wst W	756
BAA	1,400	P & O	1,800
BAT Inds	3,500	Pearson	2,100
BOC	549	PowerGen	1,200
BP	10,000	Prudential	640
BTR	9,500	RMC	431
BT	15,000	RTZ	2,000
Bk of Scot	1,500	Rank Org	2,800
Barclays	3,400	Reckitt Col	1,200
Bass	2,500	Redland	1,700
Blue Circle	3,900	Reed Intl	3,400
Boots	1,700	Rentokil	705
Bowater	432	Reuters	3,200
Brit Aero	3,200	Rolls Royce	7,000
Brit Airwys	3,300	Ryl Ins	3,100
Brit Gas	6,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200
Brit Steel	4,600	Sainsbury	3,200
Burmah Cast	420	Schroders	90
Cable Wire	3,700	Scot & New	1,000
Cadbury	1,000	Scot Power	1,500
Caradon	732	Sears	1,600
Carlton Cms	601	Svrn Trent	458
Cm Union	1,300	Shell Trans	2,900
Courtaulds	1,700	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	72	SmKl Bch	3,200
Eastern Elec	1,000	*Smith Nph*	2,200
Enterpr Oil	39	Southern Elec	479
Forte	3,600	Std Chard	2,600
GKN	3,200	Sun Allnce	2,100
GRE	3,900	TI Gp	1,700
GUS	675	TSB	2,800
Gen Acc	473	Tesco	1,000
Gen Elec	6,000	Thames W	1,600
Glaxo	3,600	Thrn EMI	744
Granada	1,600	Tomkins	12,000
Grand Met	1,700	Unilever	2,600
Guinness	1,600	Utd Bisc	1,000
HSBC	2,100	Vodafone	1,800
Hanson	4,900	Warburg SG	1,100
ICI	2,200	Wellcome	720
Inchcape	1,500	Whitbread	404
Kingfisher	684	Wlms Hld	1,600
Ladbroke	1,500	Wolseley	278
Land Secs	1,000	Zeneca	1,600

WALL STREET

	Oct 6 midday	Oct 5 close
AMP Inc	75	75
AMR Corp	48¼	48⅞
AT & T	52	52⅜
Abbott Labs	30⅞	30½
Aetna Life	46¼	46¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	44¼	44½
Albertson's	28⅞	28⅞
Alcan Alumnm	25⅞	25⅞
Alco Standard	59⅞	58½
Allied Signal	34⅛	33⅞
Alum Co of Am	83⅞	82½
Amax Gold Inc	7⅜	7¼
Amerada Hess	45⅛	45⅛
Amer Brands	35⅛	35
Amer Cyanamid	99⅝	99⅝
Amer El Power	30⅞	30½
Amer Express	30⅛	30
Amer Genl Corp	26½	26⅞
Amer Home Pr	58	58⅞
Amer Intl	87¼	87¼
Amer Stores	25⅛	25
Ameritech	38¼	38⅞
Amoco	58	57¼
Anheuser-Busch	50⅞	50⅝
Apple Computer	36¼	37⅛
Archer Daniels	26	25⅞
Armco	5¼	5¼
Armstrng Wrld	42⅞	42½
Asarco	32⅛	32⅞
Ashland Oil	35⅞	35⅞
Atl Richfield	98⅛	98⅛
Auto Data Pro	55⅝	55⅛
Avery Dennison	34⅛	34⅛
Avon Products	59⅝	59⅞
Baker Hughes	18¼	18⅝
Baltim Gas & El	22½	23
Banc One	28⅞	28⅞
BankAmerica	43⅞	43⅞
Bank of NY	29½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	64	63½
Barnett Banks	41⅛	41⅛
Bausch & Lomb	38¼	38⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅛	27½
Bectn Dicknsn	46⅛	46½
Bell Atlantic	50⅞	50½
BellSouth	53⅞	53⅞
Black & Decker	21⅛	21¼
Block (H&R)	44⅛	44⅛
Boeing	44¼	43⅞
Boise Cascade	28¼	28½
Borden Inc	13¼	13⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	56½	56½
Browning Ferris	29⅞	30
Brunswick	20⅞	20½
Burlington Nthn	48⅝	49¼
CBS	321	319
CNA Financial	62½	62⅞
CPC Intl	50⅞	50⅞
CSX	66	65⅞
Campbell Soup	38⅞	38⅞
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Cpl Cities ABC	81	80⅞
Carolina Pwr	26¼	26
Caterpillar	53⅞	53¼
Central & SW	22½	22¼
Champion Intl	38⅞	38⅞
Chase Manhat	34	34⅞
Chemical Bk	34⅛	34
Chevron Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Chrysler	44⅞	45¼
Chubb Corp	69⅞	69⅞
Cigna Corp	60	59⅞
Citicorp	41⅞	41⅞
Clorox	51⅞	51⅞
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	48⅞	48⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	57⅞	57⅞
Columbia Gas	26⅞	26
Compaq Comp	32⅞	32½
Comp Ass Int	44⅞	44⅛
Conagra	30½	30⅞
Cons Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Cons Nat Gas	38⅞	38⅞
Cons Rail	49	48⅞
Cooper Inds	39⅞	39⅞
Corning Inc	31⅛	32
Crown Cork	38⅞	37⅞
Dana Corp	26⅞	25⅞
Dayton Hudson	77½	77⅞
Deere	68	67⅞
Delta Air Lines	43⅞	44
Deluxe Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Detroit Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Digital Equip	26¼	26
Dillard Dept St	26⅞	26⅞
Disney (Walt)	38⅞	38⅞
Dominion Res	37	37⅞
Donelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	59⅞	54⅞
Dow Chemical	71⅞	73½
Dow Jones	29⅞	29⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	38⅞	38⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅞	57⅞
Du Pont	57	57⅞
Eastman Kodak	51⅞	50⅞
Eaton Corp	46⅞	46
Emerson Elec	58	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	26	25⅞
Enron Corp	29⅛	29
Ensergy	22⅞	22½
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	56⅞	56⅞
FMC Corp	59⅞	59⅞
FPL Group	31⅛	31⅛
Federal Express	60½	60
Fed Nat Mtge	76⅛	76⅛
First Chicago	43⅞	43⅛
First Interstate	80	79⅞
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	36¼	35⅞
Fluor Corp	47⅞	47½
Ford Motor	27⅞	27⅞
GTE Corp	30	29½
Gannett	47	46⅛
Gap Inc Del	32⅞	32⅞
Gen Dynamics	44⅛	43⅞
Gen Electric	47⅞	47⅞
Gen Mills	57¼	57⅞
Gen Motors	45	45½
Gen Reinsurance	105⅞	106
Gen Signal	34⅛	34
Genuine Parts	34⅞	34⅞
Georgia Pac	74	74⅛
Gillette	70⅞	70½
Glaxo ADR	18⅛	18⅛
Goodrich (BF)	41⅛	41⅛
Goodyear Tire	33⅞	33½
Grace (WR)	39⅞	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25½	25¼
Great Wstn Fin	17⅞	17½
Halliburton	31⅞	31⅛
Harcourt General	34⅛	33⅞
Heinz (HJ)	36⅞	36⅛
Hercules	100⅞	101⅛
Hershey Foods	44¼	44⅛
Hewlett Packard	86⅛	86⅛
Hilton Hotels	58⅞	57⅛
Home Depot	41⅛	41⅛
Homestake Mng	20⅛	19⅞
Honeywell	33⅞	33½
Household Intl	35⅞	35⅞
Houston Inds	34⅛	34⅛
Humana	21⅛	21⅛
ITT Corp	81¼	81⅛
Illinois Tool	40¼	40¼
Illinova	19	19
INCO	28½	28⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅛	34⅛
Inland Steel	39⅞	39⅞
Intel Corp	59	58⅞
IBM	69	69½
Intl Flav & Fr	40⅞	41⅛
Intl Paper	77⅞	77⅞
James River Va	23⅞	23
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	50⅞	50⅞
Kellogg	56⅛	56½
Kerr-McGee	45⅞	45⅞
Kimberly-Clark	57⅞	56⅞
Kmart	17	17⅛
Knight-Ridder	49	48½
Lilly (Eli)	58⅛	58⅞
Limited Inc	18⅛	18⅞
Lin Brdcstng	134⅞	135
Lincoln Nat	35⅞	35⅞
Litton	36⅛	35⅞
Liz Claiborne	23⅞	23⅞
Lockheed	68⅛	67⅛
Louisiana Pac	31⅞	31⅛
MCI Comm	24⅛	24⅞
Marriott Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Marsh & McLnn	78⅞	78⅞
Masco Corp	23⅞	23⅞
May Dept St	37⅞	37⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅛	15⅛
McDonalds	26⅞	26⅛
McDonnell D	116⅛	115⅞
McGraw Hill	73	72
Mead Corp	50⅞	51⅛
Medtronic	52	51⅞
Mellon Bk	35⅞	35⅞
Melville Corp	34⅛	35⅛
Merck Inc	35⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	35⅞	35⅞
Minnesota Mine	53⅞	53⅞
Mobil Corp	77⅞	78⅞
Monsanto	78⅞	77⅞
Morgan (JP)	61	60⅞
Motorola Inc	49⅞	50
Natl Medical	16⅛	16⅛
Natl Semi	16⅛	15
Natl Service Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Navistar Int	12⅞	12⅞
NBD Bancorp	28⅞	27⅞
NY Times A	22⅞	21⅞
Newmont Mng	43⅞	42⅞
Niag Mohawk	13⅞	13⅞
Nike B	59⅞	60⅛
NL Industries	11	10⅞
Noram Energy	6⅛	6⅛
Nordstrom	40⅛	40⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	60⅞	61⅛
Nthn State Pwr	42⅞	42⅞
Norwest Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Nynex Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅛	20⅛
Ohio Edison	18⅛	18⅞
Oracle Systems	42⅞	42⅞
Oryx Energy Co	13⅞	13⅞
Owens Corning	30⅞	30⅛
PNC Financial	25⅞	25⅛
PPG Industries	38⅞	38⅞
Paccar Inc	44	44
Pacificorp	16½	16⅞
Pac Enterprises	20½	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Telesis	30⅞	30½
Pall-Corp	17	16⅞
Panhandle East	22⅞	22⅞
Parker Hannifin	39⅞	38⅞
Peco Energy	24⅞	24⅞
Penney (JC)	51⅞	51⅞
Pennzoil	45⅞	46⅞
Pepsico	33¼	33⅞
Pfizer	69⅞	69⅞
Phelps Dodge	60⅞	61
Philip Morris	59⅞	59⅞
Phillips Pet	33⅞	33⅞
Pitney Bowes	35⅞	35⅞
Polaroid	35⅞	35⅞
PriceCostco	16⅛	16
Procter & Gmbl	59⅞	58⅞
Providian	30⅞	30⅞
Pub Serv E & G	25⅞	25⅞
Quaker Oats	74½	75
Ralston Purina	41⅛	41
Raychem Corp	39⅞	40⅛
Raytheon	63⅞	63⅞
Reebok Intl	36¼	36⅛
Reynolds Metals	55	55⅞
Roadway Srvcs	54¼	54⅛
Rockwell Intl	34⅛	34⅛
Rohm & Haas	57⅛	58
Royal Dutch	107⅞	107⅞
Rubbermaid	26	26
Safeco Corp	50⅞	50⅞
St Paul's Cos	40⅞	40⅞
Salomon Inc	39	38⅛
Santa Fe Pac	14¼	15⅞
Sara Lee Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Scecorp	13⅞	13⅞
Schering Plough	70⅞	70⅞
Schlumberger	54⅞	54⅞
Scott Paper	60⅞	59⅞
Seagram	29⅞	29⅛
Sears Roebuck	46⅞	47
Shell Trans.	68⅞	67⅞
Sherwin Wlms	30⅞	31
Skyline Corp	20⅞	20⅞
Snap-On-Tools	34¼	34⅛
Southern Co	18⅞	18⅞
Sthwestern Bell	40⅞	39⅞
Sprint Corp	37¼	37⅞
Stanley Works	39⅞	39⅞
Sun Company	29⅞	28⅞
Sun Microsys	28⅞	28⅞
Suntrust	47	46⅞
Supervalu	25⅞	25⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
TRW Inc	72⅞	72⅞
TCC Inds	2⅞	2⅞
Tandem Comp	16	15⅞
Tandy Corp	48⅞	41⅞
Teledyne	16⅞	16
Temple Inland	54⅞	54⅞
Tenneco	43⅞	43⅞
Texaco	59⅞	59⅞
Texas Inst	65⅞	65⅞
Texas Utilities	32⅞	32⅞
Textron	48⅞	48⅞
Time Warner	34⅞	34⅞
Times-Mirror	31	30⅞
Timken	37	37⅞
Torchmark	43	43
Toys R Us	36⅞	36⅞
Transamerica	49⅞	49⅞
Travelers	31⅞	31⅞
Tribune	52⅞	52⅞
Tyco Labs	47⅞	48⅞
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
UAL	84	80
USX Marathon	17⅞	17⅞
Unicom	21⅞	21⅞
Unilever NY	112⅞	112⅞
Union Camp	48⅞	48⅞
Union Carbide	32⅞	32⅞
Union Pacific	50⅞	51⅞
Unisys Corp	11⅞	11⅞
USAir Group	4⅞	4⅞
USF&G Corp	13⅞	13⅞
US Life	31⅞	32⅞
US West	37⅞	37⅞
United Tech	61⅞	62
Unocal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Upjohn	33⅞	33⅞
VF Corp	48⅞	48⅞
WMX Tech	27⅞	27⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23⅞
Warner-Lambert	79	78⅞
Wells Fargo	145	145
Westinghouse El	12⅞	12⅞
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	42⅞
Whirlpool	50⅞	50⅞
Whitman	16⅞	16⅞
Winn Dixie	50⅞	50⅞
Woolworth	16⅞	16⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49⅞	49⅞
Xerox	105⅞	105
Yellow Corp	18⅞	18⅞

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom.	540	29	—	—	4	—	—
(*562)	580	4	—	—	31	—	—
Argyll	260	12	20	27	5	15	19
(*266)	280	4	11	16	17	26	30
ASDA	60	4	7	9	2	4	5
(*62)	70	1	3	5	8	10	11
Boots	500	14	28	40	8	20	29
(*504)	550	1	9	19	48	55	59
Br Airways	360	12	24	34	9	20	26
(*360)	390	2	12	21	32	40	44
BP	390	22	32	41	3	12	17
(*407)	420	5	16	26	18	27	32
Br Steel	160	7	14	19	3	8	11
(*164)	180	1	6	10	17	20	22
C & W	360	31	43	53	2	11	17
(*380)	390	11	26	37	12	25	31
CU	493	27	42	49	4	13	25
(*511)	543	4	17	24	35	40	54
ICI	750	51	72	86	3	15	30
(*793)	800	15	40	56	19	35	54
Kingfishr	460	38	52	65	3	11	19
(*491)	500	11	26	42	17	28	37
Land Sec	600	17	30	44	7	18	23
(*608)	650	1	11	21	44	51	54
M & S	390	17	29	36	4	11	17
(*401)	420	3	13	21	21	29	32
Nat West	460	25	39	50	4	15	27
(*477)	500	5	19	30	29	34	49
Sainsbury	390	16	29	41	7	21	25
(*394)	420	3	15	25	26	37	39
Shell	650	48	63	72	1	9	17
(*693)	700	9	29	39	15	26	38
Smkl Bch	420	11	25	34	11	23	30
(*420)	460	2	10	18	42	50	55
Storehse	200	9	16	20	3	9	14
(*204)	220	1	7	11	18	21	26
Trafalgar	80	4	7	9	3	6	8
(*80)	90	1	4	5	12	13	14
Unilever	1050	60	78	95	3	21	33
(*1099)	1100	21	47	64	18	41	56
Zeneca	800	24	49	62	12	27	44
(*809)	850	4	25	38	45	56	72
BAA	450	25	32	42	3	11	15
(*467)	475	8	18	28	14	22	27
Thames W	460	43	48	59	1	12	15
(*495)	500	12	24	35	11	29	32
Glaxo	550	33	54	66	6	20	35
(*575)	600	7	28	43	32	46	62
HSBC	650	36	63	75	8	27	46
(*679)	700	11	37	50	34	52	74
Reuter	437	19	—	—	8	—	—
(*448)	460	12	—	—	12	—	—

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	25	34	41	8	19	23
(*402)	420	9	19	27	24	36	39
Ladbroke	140	18	24	26	3	5	9
(*152)	160	6	13	16	12	19	19
Utd Bisc	300	14	24	28	11	15	23
(*307)	330	4	12	19	32	34	43
BAT Ind	420	22	35	42	12	19	30
(*425)	460	6	15	23	34	43	55
BTR	300	17	27	31	6	12	14
(*307)	330	4	13	17	26	30	36
Br Aero	420	45	61	67	6	17	25
(*453)	460	19	34	44	20	34	45
Br Telcm	360	23	28	35	6	14	17
(*372)	390	7	13	20	22	30	34
Cadbury	420	37	47	52	4	9	16
(*448)	460	11	23	30	21	26	35
Guinness	420	39	44	56	4	9	16
(*450)	460	12	24	31	20	25	34
GEC	290	16	21	27	6	11	13
(*287)	300	6	11	18	16	22	24
Hanson	220	15	18	22	3	8	12
(*228)	240	4	9	13	15	20	23
LASMO	134	17	—	—	3	—	—
(*147)	154	6	—	—	13	—	—
Lucas	180	8	14	17	12	14	18
(*181)	200	3	7	11	27	29	31
Pilkingtn	180	12	15	20	5	10	13
(*186)	200	3	7	12	19	23	25
Prudential	280	22	32	34	4	8	15
(*295)	300	10	20	23	15	17	28
Redland	460	25	39	47	12	20	34
(*472)	500	8	21	28	38	43	59
Royal Ins	280	15	24	30	12	19	24
(*280)	300	7	15	22	26	30	36
Tesco	220	23	29	34	3	6	11
(*237)	240	9	16	22	11	16	20
Vodafone	183	15	19	—	5	—	—
(*191)	200	6	12	17	14	19	21
Williams	325	15	—	—	8	—	—
(*324)	354	4	—	—	28	—	—
R-Royce	160	19	25	27	2	6	9
(*174)	180	7	13	17	11	15	19
Eastn Elc	700	59	77	92	12	25	35
(*741)	750	27	46	65	33	49	57

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	360	37	46	49	6	15	20
(*384)	390	19	28	32	19	30	35
Amstrad	25	3	4	5	2	3	4
(*26)	30	1	2	3	6	7	7
Barclays	550	29	41	49	22	35	41
(*550)	600	10	20	28	55	67	71
Blue Circ	260	27	33	39	7	10	18
(*276)	280	15	22	28	15	19	28
Br Gas	280	17	24	28	11	15	20
(*290)	300	9	15	19	23	26	32
Dixons	160	26	29	33	4	7	11
(*179)	180	13	17	22	12	16	19
Forte	220	13	19	24	11	15	19
(*223)	240	5	10	15	24	27	32
Hillsdwn	160	18	22	25	4	6	11
(*173)	180	7	12	14	14	19	22
Lonrho	130	13	16	19	5	8	9
(*136)	140	7	11	14	9	13	15
Sears	100	7	9	12	4	7	9
(*102)	110	3	5	7	12	13	15
Thrn Eml	950	60	74	96	20	37	45
(*977)	1000	32	49	68	44	61	69
Tomkins	200	22	26	32	5	9	12
(*213)	220	11	16	22	14	19	22
TSB	200	24	28	31	4	8	11
(*217)	220	12	16	19	12	14	21
Wellcome	650	51	73	85	23	38	50
(*670)	700	27	48	60	52	64	76
Fisons	100	14	16	18	4	6	8
(*108)	110	8	11	13	8	11	13
Natl Pwr	460	27	40	49	16	26	34
(*467)	500	11	22	31	43	48	57
Scot Pwr	330	24	31	39	16	23	26
(*332)	360	12	19	26	35	40	43

FT-SE INDEX (*2985)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Oct	148	106	70	42	24	12
Nov	176	139	105	75	53	35
Dec	197	161	130	102	79	57
Jan	219	183	154	125	102	80
Jun	—	256	—	196	—	151
Puts						
Oct	12	21	36	58	91	130
Nov	33	47	62	84	112	144
Dec	50	65	85	106	134	164
Jan	65	79	99	120	147	176
Jun	—	123	—	162	—	217

October 6, 1994 Tot: 38876 Calls: 24697 Puts: 13881 FT-SE Calls: 14242 Puts: 5197

*Underlying security price.

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Empty place at the table

AND where was Lord Young of Graffham when Cable and Wireless' Exiles Club held its closing down bash recently? Members of Exiles, established at Twickenham 75 years ago, and a fond pad for expatriates on home leave, were somewhat taken aback not to see him while drinking their Singapore Slings. Lord Young is, after all, the club president. James Ross, C&W's chief executive, also didn't make it make to a gathering of 1,000 to mourn the club's passing. C&W had determined that the 1960s buildings are "time expired", despite pleas from many of the 3,500 Exiles to keep the club going as is, especially after a year in which C&W made profits of £1 billion. Redevelopment is planned to include a residential care home with 90 beds, and a smaller pavilion. Gordon Owen, a former C&W chief executive, who had agreed to the complete refurbishment of Exiles before he "left" C&W in August, 1991, also wasn't there. As for Lord Young, he was "travelling on private business at the weekend", though not, I am assured, in exile.



Lord Young: "travelling"

SIR John Leahy is appointed Lonrho chairman on a pro tem basis after confirmation that René Leclézio retires on October 31. You read it here first on September 30.

Incentive move

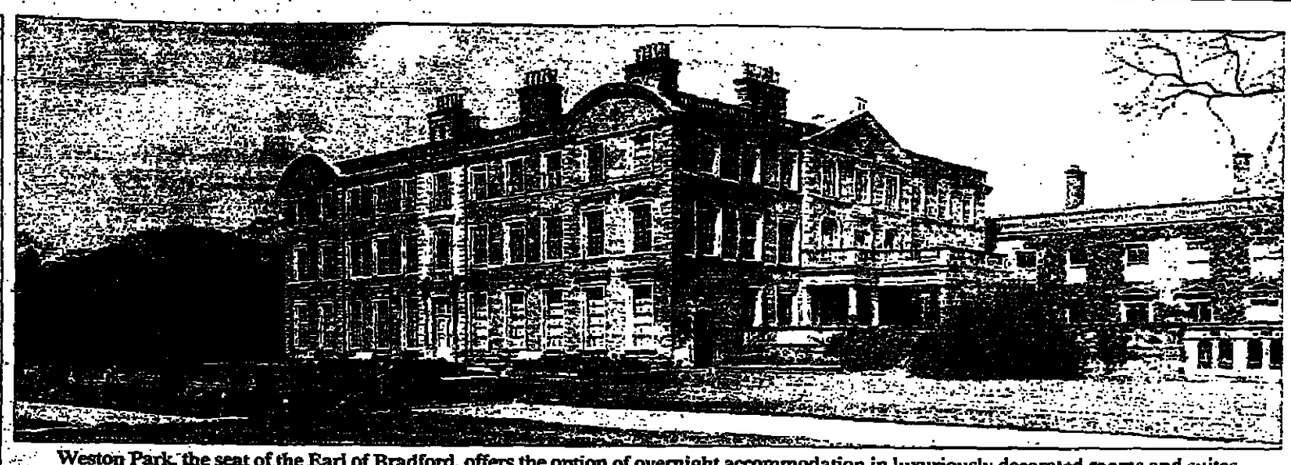
TWO marks for trying, but none for tact. Kingfisher has sent a personalised *letter to Dr Kevin Hawkins* at his Holbein Place, London, business address beseeching him to consider the virtues of Kingfisher gift vouchers as incentives for *his* staff. "The range of products in Kingfisher stores — B&Q, Woolworth, Comet, Superdrug, Charlie Browns, Titles and Staples — gives such an extensive choice that no-one will ever be far from something they want," the missive waxes. Ouch! Dr Hawkins just happens to be director, corporate affairs, at WH Smith, which just happens to run Do It All, Our Price and various other interests.... all of which are within a jaunty step of his Holbein Place office.

Russian about

NOTHING like an announcement in the Court Circular of an impending Royal visit to some far away land to encourage City folk to want to speak in foreign tongues. Before The Queen's visit to Russia on October 17, Communicaid International, the language company, reports brisk business. Russian courses have been supplied to BP, British Gas, ABC News and Chem Systems. Now, after a link with London University's School of Slavonic and East European studies, eastern European languages are on offer.

READERS may care to know, that after Wednesday's City Diary note on Alan Savory's retirement, he was sung "Happy Birthday to you" and wished "a happy retirement" over the tannoy at Liverpool Street station as he boarded his last train to Frinton-on-Sea.

COLIN CAMPBELL



Weston Park, the seat of the Earl of Bradford, offers the option of overnight accommodation in luxuriously decorated rooms and suites

Business throws lifeline to Britain's historic homes

Victoria McKee looks at the growing field of country house corporate entertaining, and how it has changed in the past 15 years

Champagne corks were popping last Friday at Hagley Hall near Stourbridge, Worcestershire, scenic seat of the Lyttelton family since 1760. The hall was celebrating 15 years of corporate entertaining. More than 150 corporate clients gathered for a feast of monkfish and scallops, guinea fowl and foie gras, with archery demonstrations, sheepdog trials, and other entertainment.

Now a slick, professional catering and conference venue that can handle vast product launches or intimate brainstorming lunches with equal aplomb, Hagley's development typifies that of many of Britain's historic homes — the discovery that corporate entertaining can keep the roof over the family's heads without the indignity of having to have it shelter wealthy foreigners paying for the privilege of living like a lord with one.

Viscountess Cobham, who started the business in 1979, doing all the cooking herself, is proud of the growing sophistication of the historic home market — and, she claims, of the business clients who make use of it. "Then, of course, very few stately homes were doing this sort of thing. Now, practically everyone is," she says.

"Our first corporate function was a dinner for 20 which I cooked, and I was given a glass of champagne by my husband to celebrate having got the first course in successfully. Then I noticed that my golden retriever, Pooh, had escaped into the dining room and was running up and down beneath the table — and needed urgently to be retrieved. I was horrified, but the guests were amused, and they said the incident reminded them that the were in a private home, a feeling that they liked."

Japanese clients, she recalls, "used to not care about the food — all they wanted to do was look at the bottom of the plates and see who they were made by. It was Royal Worcester. Now, their tastes have become much more sophisticated, and we have many excellent Japanese clients, which culminated in our hosting a get-together with other stately houses who concentrate on corporate entertaining at the House of Lords last year." But most of the country house corporate market consists of British firms, which are more cautious today than in the 1980s about how they spend their money. Lady Cobham notes, but more eager to spend it in style in 1994 than they were in the early 1990s.

"Gone are the days when they used to have parties for hundreds and not know or care how many were going to show up," she says. "Now our corporate clients are much more careful to make sure the function is fine-tuned, that the guests are carefully targetted, and they know exactly how many people are turning up — which, of course, makes it easier for us, too. And another big change we've seen is that whereas in the mid-80s everyone was sticking to 'nouvelle cuisine' and people once didn't dare order a pudding, we've gone back to liking quite old-fashioned, traditional English meals with heavy, sticky puddings. One of our most popular menus now is steak and kidney pies and treacle tart."

Weston Park in Weston-under-Lizard, Shropshire, seat of the Earl of Bradford, has been used for corporate entertaining for nearly as long as Hagley Hall, but, unlike Hagley, offers the option of overnight accommodation in luxuriously decorated rooms and suites.

Lord Bradford agrees with Lady Cobham's assessment of the corporate market. "Companies aren't wasting money any more," he says, remarking on the number of times he used to see events booked for 100 where only 50 turned up. "I think businesses have learnt the hard way that there's got to be more purpose in their invitations, which are now much more focused. Once, however, we nearly got caught out with an event for Glaxo for local doctors where they expected only 100 to turn up and ended up with 110 — but fortunately we were able to cope"

Corporate "treasure hunts", which Lord Bradford says, were "pioneered at Weston", continue to be a popular activity, but "there's been a massive decline in requests for clay pigeon shooting because they've all done that to death," he claims.

Not so, however, at Somerley, the home of the Earl of Normanton in Ringwood, Hampshire, made famous as the quintessence of Englishness in advertisements for Burberry. Lord Normanton opened the house to corporate entertaining in the early 1980s "when the pound/dollar was tight and Americans weren't coming over any more to stay the night with us".

He says: "Clay pigeon shooting is probably our most popular corporate day, closely followed by rampage-type things like quad bikes and off-track rallies. We have a special area set aside for that." He adds: "While we can seat up to 80 in two rooms for dinner, the days of the big events seem to be over for a while. We're seeing more smaller events, more carefully targeted to senior people." Somerley has eight double bedrooms, but events are seldom that small, so most of its business, like that of Hagley, is of the one-day variety.

All these houses have benefited tremendously from the building of huge new conference and exhibition centres in their areas — Hagley and Weston from the advent of the NEC, the ICC, and the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham and the opening of the M40 motorway link to the Midlands, and Somerley from the development of the Bournemouth International Conference Centre, Lord Normanton says.

As Lord Bradford puts it in a forthcoming book, *Stately Secrets*, "there is no way these homes will survive without ... the companies that hold conferences and social events in them. They are the lifeblood of historic houses, keeping the bailiffs at bay".

They also agree that "while entertaining budgets were cut quite dramatically in the early 1990s, we are starting to see a change for the better again since 1993", as Lady Cobham puts it, "which looks like being sustained". She wants all her guests to drink to that — even if only in mineral water.



Lady Cobham, who started her business in 1979, is proud of the growing sophistication of the historic home market

Nuclear power and the levy playing field

Ross Tieman argues the Government's review of atomic energy must untangle electricity's privatisation pricing fix

Privatisation is the best thing that never happened to Britain's atomic power stations. For it was the transfer of rival coal and oil plants to the private sector that sparked nuclear's performance revolution.

The partial sale four years ago of National Power and PowerGen, the two biggest generators in England and Wales, unleashed market forces in an electricity market hitherto run by dictat.

For decades, British energy policy had been driven by two objectives: diversity of supply and protection of jobs — in the mines, the nuclear plants and elsewhere.

Forcing generating plants to compete, and lifting a ban on burning gas in power stations, triggered a desperate battle for survival. New privately owned gas plants, with output costs as low as 2.4p a unit, showed just how sloppy power production in Britain had become.

While building new gas plants, the generators mothballed most of their over-cost oil-fired stations and demanded cheaper coal. Two thirds of the mines closed, the remainder cut costs to world market levels.

Nuclear Electric, set up to manage the atomic plants in England and Wales that had been rejected by the private sector, was forced to take stock of its failings. The list was long.

> "Nuclear output has doubled and the cost has been cut"

The costs of decommissioning were hopelessly underprovided for. A new estimate put the cost of dealing with redundant stations at £10.5 billion. But the muckiest plants, the first-generation Magnox stations, were approaching the end of their lives. So the Government imposed an eight-year levy on customers' bills to pay for them. This "non-fossil fuel obligation" started at 11 per cent of bills, or £1.3 billion a year. By 1997-98 it should have fallen to £800 million.

The more modern nuclear plants, the advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGRs), had a different problem: underperformance. Designed for 75 per cent availability, they achieved only half that. The result: power at 4.2p a unit.

In Scotland, the Government adopted a slightly different solution. Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric were sold off. But they were obliged to buy around half their electricity from Scottish Nuclear. No levy, but a hidden subsidy.

The Government told the nuclear operators they must become cost competitive by 1998, when all the transitional fixes expire and markets are opened to full competition. They set to with a will.

Nuclear Electric sought life-extensions for its older plants, deferring the cost of a clean-up and extending the revenue-earning period. Avoidable costs of the extra power are competitive, and the through-life costs have been pared to 3.7p a unit. But it is clear they can never be commercially viable.

But its five twin-reactor AGRs now show promise. Maintenance and refuelling time has been halved. Output has doubled, and the cost has been cut to 2.6p a unit, 0.1p below the price achieved in the market. Scottish Nuclear, operating similar reactors, has achieved a similar result.

Outperformance has turned the privatisation fixes into an absurdity. Nuclear Electric's share of the England and Wales electricity market has soared from 16.7 per cent four years ago to 25 per cent in the first half of this year, and could peak at 27 per cent next year when the new Sizewell B station comes on stream. Other fuels are being displaced. Meantime, the levy collects £1 billion a year from consumers, and Nuclear Electric's fat profits pass to the Treasury. Taxation by another name.

The Government's nuclear review, now underway, must untangle this mess. Nuclear Electric's bosses want to ditch the debt-ridden Magnox plants and privatise the rest, with a new market fix to make new nuclear construction worthwhile.

Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, yesterday showed he has other ideas. By recommending ministers curtail the levy, reshuffle power plants to promote rivalry between the nuclear groups, and rely on market forces to determine new plants, he has dealt their hopes a savage blow.

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Investors need to be encouraged

From the Director-General, Institute of Directors

Sir, The real need (No saving grace, Pennington, September 30) is the creation of jobs through sustained, non-inflationary growth. We will achieve that only if there is an increase in investment in small and medium-sized businesses.

What is astonishing, therefore, is Pennington's contempt for the IoD's suggestion to the Chancellor that, since general tax cuts are not yet possible, encouragement to investment should be given to those who have the means to invest — not just the "middle-class", but anyone who has savings or capital — by lowering taxes on capital and, when appropriate, cutting the higher rate of income tax.

It is squeezing incomes through high taxation and nationalising private capital for government to spend — drying up the sources of finance for investment and wealth creation — which damage the interests of those in need and to which Pennington should direct his strictures.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MELVILLE-ROSS,
Institute of Directors,
116 Pall Mall, SW1.

Re-using waste heat

From Mr Norman Jenkins

Sir, Your report (September 29) and comment by Pennington on BNFL's urging a new direction-based policy for an eventual nuclear-level of kWh pricing raises an issue seldom taken seriously. Do we need so much electricity? Why must electricity continue to dominate the whole energy picture?

Most European producers have or see a surplus; I suspect North America also. Statistics at one time kept secret, but now available, show that distributed heat, a proven service now many decades of age and expanding rapidly, bulks larger in local energy supply than electricity by as much as 2:1 at minimum, but far larger in some areas.

Unfortunately, the electricity and gas industries have succeeded in preventing this being known and accepted: they both find their business in space and water heating reduced virtually to nil where the waste heat of generation (and other sources) is distributed.

If there were no other proof, the Swiss Refuna scheme in the Zürich area shows how quite small nuclear units can function in, in effect, village supply of both heat and power. We simply do not need Sizewell sizes — or costs. Send out the waste heat and nuclear could be competitive despite its much lower thermal efficiency than CCGT [Combined cycle gas turbine].

Yours faithfully,
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Co-ordinated macroeconomic expansion is a dream

From Lord Eatwell

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (Economic View, September 8) misrepresents my *New Economy* article on international economic co-operation. By *purporting* to know what I "presumably" "believe" (two favourite Kaletsky words) he succeeds in twisting my argument into virtually its opposite.

Kaletsky states that I "*believe* that successful macroeconomic management is impossible in one country". In fact I argued that the full employment and high growth of the 1960s took place in an international environment which was "not co-operative or co-ordinated as such. Rather, it was a framework within which governments could pursue national reconstruction and employment policies, broadly freed from the threat of internationally generated instability". I also commented that today "co-ordinated macroeconomic expansion remains a dream".

Kaletsky further alleges that I argue that "Britain should seek co-ordination on a European basis. And failing that, it would be best to choose one country that would act as a 'leader' (*presumably* Germany) and then 'adjust policies in the light of the leader's decisions' (*presumably* by rejoining the ERM)". So "Britain will rejoin the ERM on terms dictated by Germany".

In fact I argued that "It is difficult to envisage effective EU policy co-ordination in the near future ... monetary co-ordination is highly imperfect and dominated by the domestic concerns of the Bundesbank. Fiscal co-ordination is non-existent".

My article sought to demonstrate (a) that, however desirable macroeconomic co-ordination might be there has never been effective international co-ordination at any time in modern economic history; (b) that the Bretton Woods system succeeded because it *permitted the pursuit of national* full employment policies. No reader could have realised this from Kaletsky's misleading review.

Yours faithfully,
J. EATWELL,
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Cambridge.

Bad timing

From Lord Desai

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky chose to attack (The path to Blair's self-destruction, September 8) the articles in the *New Economy* as reflecting the addled advice Tony Blair was getting. He was especially critical of the article by Dr Penelope Rowlatt who warned about the persistence of inflationary pressures. Kaletsky argued that, on her own evidence, Dr Rowlatt was wrong and that the inflationary climate had permanently changed. Unfortunately for him, however, on September 12, the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England sided with Dr Rowlatt and put up interest rates to ward off the inflationary pressures which they could see coming.

Again on September 29, Kaletsky was back (Blair picks wrong battlefield to launch attack on Tories) with diagrams displaying a misunderstanding of Labour Party's policy. It is obvious that five-year averages show more variability than 15-year averages. But then if he had shown annual data he would have seen that short-run economic policy, far from being effective as he tries to show, was responsible for the roller-coaster of the last 15 years when inflation rates were doubled twice — we had two severe recessions and every exchange rate policy tried has ended in tears. All that Gordon Brown needs to learn from this experience is that if policy lacks a longer run perspective it will exacerbate instability rather than otherwise.

I can see Labour's popularity has generated a mild sense of panic in Wapping.

Yours faithfully,
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Equities stage technical rally

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	385 †	+2	...	5.0	12.9
314	233	Allied Irish	237 †	-1	...	5.3	9.1
278½	179½	Aus New Z	190	...	...	5.2	27.6
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2737½	+25	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	263	...	...	5.0	7.6
247	172½	Bank Scotland	193	-3	...	3.5	15.6
640	487	Barclays	550 †	-1	...	3.8	10.6
37	13½	Carlisle	24	+½	...	1.3	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	502	...	...	7.0	10.4
180	130	Cattles	137 †	...	...	4.9	14.9
2628¾	1543¾	Chase Manh	2150	-6¾	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2600	-25	...	...	...
295	203	Close Bros	214 †	+3	...	4.4	∞
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£122½	-225	...	0.7	...
£344½	£270	Deutsche Bk	£271½	+37½	...	2.5	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	68½	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152	Fuji Bank Y	1388½	+5	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	465	-4	22.0	5.0	13.4
1113	660	HSBC	676 †	+7	...	4.5	9.8
1133	680	HSBC HK	697 †	+5½	...	4.4	10.1
473	221	Hambros	235	+8	...	8.0	9.5
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	100	King Shaxson	109	+2	...	10.3	10.8
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	435 †	-1	...	5.5	7.7
660	519	Lloyds	542 †	+1	...	5.3	10.7
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	116½	-½	...	3.9	17.7
630½	477	Nat Aust Bk	477	...	...	5.8	10.2
622	421	Nat West	478 †	+6	...	5.1	8.9
573	415	Provident	495 †	-2	...	4.5	15.7
79	53	Rea Bros	67½	...	...	1.9	17.5
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	397	-2	...	3.8	17.9
1574	1050	Schroders	1310 †	...	...	1.8	12.0
359½	223	Stand Chart	252 †	+1	...	3.2	8.6
291	197	TSB	217	...	...	4.7	10.9
199	104	Union	104 †	-1	...	5.4	9.6
1012	569	Warburg SG	585	+2	...	4.7	7.1
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9137½	+118½	...	3.0	...
260	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	∞
390	263	Wintrust	263	-7	...	4.9	17.6

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	562	+5	...	4.9	13.7
619	485	Bass	527½	+12	...	5.0	13.8
299	250	Boddington	254 †	...	...	4.1	17.4
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	424	...	...	3.2	24.4
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	189	-3	...	3.3	15.8
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	170	+3	...	2.7	23.6
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	5.1	∞
493	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	-3	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	403	+5	...	4.1	17.5
511	399	Greenalls Grp	408	+1	...	3.9	15.6
584	452	Greene King	519	+3	...	3.1	14.4
542	428	Guinness	450 †	+2	...	3.6	14.8
265	239	Hardy Hansn	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	157	...	...	3.2	14.1
457	353	Highland Distl	431	-1	...	2.0	20.4
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	...	...	1.7	20.5
220	122	Macallan-Glen	220 †	+1	...	0.7	57.7
695	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	685	-10	...	1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	231	+8	...	2.4	14.1
314	256	Mrston Thmp	302	+1	...	2.5	15.6
646	544	Matthew Clark	632	...	...	3.6	14.1
250	113	Mrrydwn W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	488	...	...	3.6	16.3
10½	7½	Paramount	7½	-½	...	3.2	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	266	...	...	2.6	∞
1523½	1000	SA Breweries	1187½	...	...	2.3	19.4
591	477	Scot & New	482	+3	...	4.4	14.3
190	142	Taunton Cider	160	...	...	5.2	12.2
306	229	Vaux Group	341	-3	...	5.0	15.5
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	406	-14	...	2.1	∞
617	494	Whitbread	526	+5	...	4.5	15.3
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	543	...	...	3.0	15.2
180	148	Yates Bros	167	...	...	2.2	20.6
535	483	Young 'A'	500	...	...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen	166	+1	...	4.0	19.7
164	99	Amec	103	...	...	3.7	58.6
454	333	Ashtead	441	+3	...	1.6	27.9
165	107	Airwoods	115	...	...	5.4	...
363	274	BPB Ind	306	-8½	...	3.3	20.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	118	...	...	3.3	22.3
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	27	...	...	8.1	3.2
60	38½	Bardon	40 †	...	...	6.2	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	168 †	+3	...	4.5	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	127	...	...	5.1	9.8
304	183	Bellway	183	...	...	4.2	17.2
59	40½	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	...
244	125	Beresford Intl	190	...	...	...	...
577	383	Berkeley Gp	388	+1	...	2.3	16.1
215	118	Bett Bros	178	-2	...	1.9	8.9
93	60	Blockleys	67	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	276 †	-8	...	5.1	19.6
355	250	Boot (Henry)	250	-5	...	3.2	12.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	73 †	...	...	2.6	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	94 †	...	...	6.1	26.9
154	130	Br Dredging	137	-2	...	5.2	16.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	90	-1	...	3.2	...
197½	122	Bryant	122 †	-1	...	5.1	13.7
145½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	340 †	+5	...	2.8	17.3
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	22	...	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	123	...	...	4.2	27.3
135	83	Crest Nicholson	85	...	...	2.4	15.4
140	100	Cussins	110 †	...	...	3.9	13.3
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	...	1.7	...
350	273	Epwin	318 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
82	57	Erith	71	...	...	2.5	39.6
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	27	-2	...	4.7	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	97 †	...	...	3.5	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	838	...	...	1.9	14.6
218	168	Graham Grp	171 †	...	...	2.4	16.3
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	146½	...	...	2.6	16.7
82	46	Hewetson	71	...	...	2.2	...
473	295	Heywd Wlm	295 †	-7	...	5.7	16.6
144	86	Higgs & Hill	86½	+½	...	3.7	...
41	27	How Gp	35 †	...	...	2.7	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	24 †	-1	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	76	-1	...	1.7	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	109 †	...	...	4.3	12.6
428	304	Laing (J)	208 †	...	...	5.4	18.8
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	90½	...	...	8.8	...
146	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	66	...	...	...	...
405	307	Manders	307 †	-1	...	4.1	14.9
213½	132	Marley	132 †	-1	...	4.0	15.6
155	126	Marshalls	133	...	...	4.0	16.3
253	196	Maunders (J)	220	...	...	3.0	21.2
321	186	McAlpine (A)	189 †	+3	...	4.3	27.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	56	...	...	...	...
569	362	Meyer Int	362	-8	...	3.7	15.3
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	103	...	...	2.4	...
202½	96	NSM	104	...	...	...	12.0
196	146	Newman Tnks	157 †	...	...	5.1	19.8
379½	219	Persimmon	219 †	-3	...	5.3	16.4
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	129	+1	...	3.3	39.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	909 †	-1	...	2.9	18.8
116	53	Raine Ind	56	+3	...	6.9	∞
40	21	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
640	486	Redland	478	...	...	6.7	24.6
108	70	Roskel	102	-1	4.3	5.3	...
195½	118	Rugby Group	118 †	-2	...	3.7	14.9
61	51	Secure Retire	51	...	...	...	...
67	50	Svrlld-Rve	62 †	...	0.7	1.5	29.2
210	155	Sharpe & Fisher	168 †	...	...	3.3	12.3
288	222	Sheffield Insl	246 †	+1	...	2.8	19.8
365	233	Sherriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	34.3
158	94	Shorco	155 †	...	...	4.4	14.5
245	195	Smart (J)	230	...	...	4.6	19.8
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	121	Tarmac	122 †	-3	...	5.6	...
257	151	Tay Homes	153	...	...	5.0	16.2
183	116	Taylor Woodrw	117 †	...	...	1.9	28.6
760	540	Tilbury Dougls	543 †	...	...	7.6	41.6
60	36	Torex Hire	57	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	278 †	-1	...	3.7	17.1
29½	15	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	23 †	...	...	2.7	...
29	21	Tudor	22	...	...	1.4	...
113	90	Vibroplant	107½	...	...	4.2	28.4
170	123½	Walsbones	124	...	...	4.2	13.4
74	50	Ward Hldgs	50 †	...	...	1.2	...
63	33	Waterhouse	50	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	545	...	...	2.9	20.4
225½	149	Westbury	149	-1	...	4.4	16.6
7	5½	Wagons	5½	...	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	333 †	...	...	3.6	14.9
259	171	Wilson (C)	177 †	+1	...	3.0	14.7
249	132	Wimpey G	135 †	...	...	4.9	20.2
30	16	YRM	30	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	595	+2	...	...	...
478	253	Adam & Harvey	475	...	...	3.9	6.5
82	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	86	Auto Sec	88	...	...	...	11.4
162	99	BET Ord	101	+1½	...	4.0	16.8
195	115	BNB Res	186	...	...	3.3	21.7
259	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
160	134	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	185	Barbour Index	185	...	...	5.7	∞
1½	0½	Black & Edg	0½	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	168	+1	...	4.1	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	62	...	...	3.0	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	91 †	...	...	4.5	22.3
258	158	Capita Group	165 †	+2	...	2.1	21.0
39	29½	Casket Plc	29½	...	...	4.7	10.0
27½	7½	Chiltern Capital	24½	...	...	...	...
55	37	Christie	53	-2	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	309	+6	...	2.5	19.0
65	41	Corp Services	58	...	...	0.5	21.9
97	48	Coutts Cnslig	52	...	...	1.0	...
179	140	Darr	159	+1	...	2.9	17.0
256	212	Davis Service	226 †	...	...	4.5	15.2
154	98	EW Fact	98	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.9
334	261	Hays	279	-1	...	2.9	18.7
290	220	Hogg Robinsn	225	...	...	3.9	15.7
39	18	Holmes Protectn	22	...	...	...	1.3
345½	240	Hunch Whamp	290½	+2	...	1.9	21.0
2646½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1812½	...	...	5.7	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	418	+8	...	4.6	13.7
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140 †	...	...	2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	295	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mille Gp	160	-2	...	1.6	21.1
1837½	1156½	Manpower	1757½	-9½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	112 †	...	...	2.6	27.5
143	90	Partiy	133 †	...	...	2.1	34.7
115	84	Penna	84	...	...	6.0	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	64 †	...	...	6.8	15.8
415	290	RCO	300	...	...	6.3	10.4
129	97	REA	128	...	...	5.9	48.8
177	104	Reed Executive	107 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
155	105	Reliance Sec	138	+2	...	4.3	∞
290	199½	Rentokil	217 †	+2	...	1.7	22.3
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	263	+1	...	3.8	13.7
68	43	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	13½	...	...	...	...
317	243	Serco Gp	289 †	...	...	1.6	26.3
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	90	-1	...	...	...
130	93	Shorthley	93	...	...	4.3	14.5
146	100	Unipalm	110	-1	...	...	∞
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	-1	...	2.8	15.5
50½	19	Willis Gp	19 †	-1	...	3.3	10.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	126	+2½	...	2.4	19.9
1141	910	Amersham	924	...	...	2.1	19.4
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106	BASF DM	£119½	-28½	...	7.8	...
372	287	BTP	298	-1	...	4.3	18.2
£160½	£127½	Bayer DM50	£137	+18½	...	6.5	...
171	97	Blagden	117	...	...	1.6	54.7
131	98	Brent Chems	117½	...	...	4.3	...
344	311½	Brit Biotech	487	-5	...	...	...
13	5½	Caird Gp	5½	...	...	...	14.6
199	153	Canning (W)	179	-2	...	5.2	29.8
560	429	Courtaulds	440	+11	...	4.2	35.5
389	327	Croda	354 †	+1	...	3.0	15.2
133	95	Doeflex	132	...	...	4.4	14.8
265	225	Ellis & Everard	260 †	+2	...	3.7	19.2
58	35½	Euro Colour	56½	...	...	2.5	20.2
399	337	Halstead (J)	384	...	...	2.5	∞
223	155	Hickson	156 †	+1	...	6.4	14.0
£157½	£108½	Hoechst	£128½	-20½	...	5.7	...
290	153½	Holliday Chem	207	-1	...	2.7	16.9
968	728	ICI	794	+7	...	4.3	84.1
843	665	Laporte	694 †	+5	...	3.8	18.8
248	190	Leigh	202	...	...	4.8	18.5
95	48	MTM	84 †	...	...	0.7	...
2490½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2331½	+18½	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zch	494	...	...	3.2	13.0
596	416	Paterson Zch 'A'	473	...	...	3.4	12.5
290	180	Flyss	180	-1	...	4.9	25.7
349	265	Portvair	292 †	...	...	1.9	21.9
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	31	...	...	2.0	18.4
490	361	Wardle Storeys	390	...	...	5.5	20.4
823	570	Wistnllme R	768	...	...	3.1	16.0
483	380	Yorks Chem	395 †	...	...	2.6	17.0
306	258	Yule Catto	268 †	+3	...	3.1	20.4
869	672	Zeneca	809 †	+10	...	4.3	16.3

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	213	...	...	3.6	15.9
410	309	Argus Plc	309 †	...	...	3.4	16.3
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	70	-2	...	0.2	...
357	161	Asprey	161	-3	...	4.7	8.0
244	176	Austin Reed	244	+½	...	2.8	13.5
166	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 †	...	...	5.6	18.2
150	110	Bentalls	127 †	...	...	2.0	44.0
168	36	Betterware	43	-2	...	8.3	4.5
48	36	Blacks Lss	39 †	-1	...	7.4	...
264	195½	Body Shop	214	...	...	1.2	20.1
601	500	Boots	505	+3	...	3.7	19.0
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	62	+2½	...	4.0	...
245	180	Caruors	190	...	...	2.7	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	96	Clinton Cards	101	...	...	5.8	8.7
297	194	Coats Viyella	206½	+4	...	5.1	17.6
170	96	Cray Casuals	96	...	...	5.6	9.8
903	725	Courts Furnish	726 †	...	...	1.0	37.0
210	155	Crown Eye	180	...	...	6.6	7.8
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	80½	+2½	...	4.1	12.1
143	97½	Dewhirst (I.J)	127 †	-½	...	1.7	17.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	179	+2	...	4.6	19.0
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	∞
294	181	Essex Furn	182	-1	...	2.6	29.1
326	217	Etam	282	-20½	...	3.4	19.9
558	474	Fine Art Dev	474	-1	14.3	3.8	14.7
58	46	Fired Earth	58	...	...	...	...
155	136	Forminster	150	...	...	2.7	∞
278	134	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	69 †	-1	...	4.1	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	121	...	...	1.1	21.7
653	524	GUS	569	+8	...	2.9	16.5
196	164	Hamleys	168	...	...	3.5	16.2
31	21	Hampden Grp	25 †	...	...	5.0	...
70½	13½	Hartstone	16½	...	...	2.4	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	68	+3	...	4.6	10.0
227	178	Hse of Fraser	205 †	...	...	3.0	18.5
211	173	Jacques Vert	189 †	...	...	3.0	16.7
573	477	Kingfisher	491 †	+8	...	3.8	12.9
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	...	7.6	13.9
438	340	Liberty	340 †	-5	...	1.8	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	291	-1	...	3.4	9.6
184	127	MFI	128 †	-½	...	3.9	16.0
460½	380	Marks Spencer	402	+9	...	2.9	18.7
680	509	Menzies (John)	509 †	-1	...	2.9	12.5
343	238	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.9
275	214	Next	239	+1	...	3.6	14.5
93	39	Oliver (G)	93	+1½	...	...	28.7
335	255	Oriflame Intl	267	+2	...	4.9	12.1
37	16½	Penros	16½	-1½	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	23	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	2.7	21.9
209	140	Rosebys	140 †	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	99	Sherwood Gp	99	-12	...	3.9	9.7
132	99½	Sears	102	...	...	4.6	17.1
46	23½	Signet Group	25½	...	...	...	8.8
549	422	Smith WH	434 †	-7	...	4.4	22.4
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	205	-7	...	3.4	18.2
198	146	T & S Stores	172	-3	...	4.6	12.0
173	117	The Rack	137	...	...	1.9	13.9
265	215	Time Products	232	...	...	4.6	18.0
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	384	Vendome	514	+7	...	1.4	39.5
44	34	Vivat	39	...	...	4.0	10.1
70	33	WEW Group	33	-1	...	2.3	24.3
108	42	Wensum	107 †	...	...	3.4	37.7
129	88	Wickes	89	+1	...	1.8	19.9
93½	52	Wld of Leather	80 ↓	...	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	144 †	...	...	4.0	15.2

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	100	ACT Group	100	-1	...	6.6	9.4
296	248	Acal	282	...	...	3.0	17.6
650	478	Admiral	644 †	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	183 †	-2	...	3.4	15.1
46	34	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	32.0
50	25½	Amstrad	26	...	...	2.4	...
110	73	App Holo	101	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	73	Astec	79½	+½	...	1.4	16.3
281	162	Azlan	162	...	...	2.3	13.1
283	230	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.6	∞
478	344	BICC	354	+4	...	6.9	21.9
535	411	Bick	416	...	...	3.1	16.7
1100	637½	Borland	750	+12½	...	...	...
380	289	Bowthorpe	291	...	...	3.0	16.6
486	357½	BT	372½	-8½	...	5.6	13.0
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	...	...	1.6	14.6
79	55	Burnfield	74 †	...	...	3.1	31.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	386	+4	...	2.7	18.4
39½	24	Chloride	26	...	...	...	72.7
283	263	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	17.1
305	105	Comptr People	195 ↓	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	154	Cray Elect	176	...	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	438	...	...	2.3	19.6
586	499	Delta	468 †	+1	...	3.9	20.0
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	63½	Dowding Mills	63½	...	...	5.0	23.2
1635	1220	Druck	1478	-20	...	0.9	27.5
620	443	Electrocomponts	447	...	...	2.7	19.5
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	146 †	+1	...	2.7	15.1
38	21	Emess	31½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	362 †	...	...	1.7	21.4
212	162½	FKI	165	+½	...	2.8	19.1
696	502	Farnell Elect	502	...	...	1.8	20.6
346	296	First Tech	333 †	...	...	1.3	19.2
283	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	49	+1	...	0.6	...
357½	269½	GEC	288	+5	...	4.7	14.5
191	119	Graseby	143½	...	...	5.2	13.5
14½	10	Graystone	12½	...	...	2.4	∞
193	126	Intl Control	130 †	...	...	4.8	∞
388	268	Jones Stroud	348 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	94	Kalamazoo	124	...	...	3.3	14.0
16	9	Kembrey	10	...	...	...	...
398	335	Kenwood App	398	...	...	3.1	17.7
298	221	Kewill Sys	257	...	...	2.4	11.2
165	38	Kode	60	-4	...	8.3	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	21	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	103	...	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	131 †	+1	...	3.9	13.0
321	266	Logica	300 †	+1	...	2.1	∞
52	45	LPA Ind	51	...	...	3.9	...
216	123	MR Data Mngt	128	...	...	3.5	...
173	425	Macro 4	425 †	...	...	3.9	11.9
281	210	Meuvier-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	795	Micro Focus	795	-3	...	...	9.6
178	123	Microgen	123	-1	...	7.4	12.3
45	31	Microvitec	35	...	...	...	...
548½	426	Misys	426	...	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	212	-9	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
330	250	MTL Inst	319	...	...	1.7	19.1
148	109	Murray Elec	109½	-½	...	2.3	...
2746½	2284½	NYNEX	2425 †	-9½	...	...	...
128	70	Neotronics	70	-1	...	4.6	15.2
60	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	279	Norbain	403 ↓	-15	...	0.7	19.3
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	-1	0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	312	...	...	2.0	18.4
84	60	P & P	67	...	...	3.9	16.6
78	25½	Peek	26½	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	169	Pegasus	169 †	-4	...	3.7	17.0
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1896½	-6½	...	1.0	8.7
440	233	Phonelink	233	-2	...	...	...
390	293	Pico	357	...	...	1.6	24.5
364	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	340	...	...	1.7	23.3
140	70	Plasmec	130 †	...	...	3.6	...
129	100	Pressac	113	...	...	2.8	23.1
303	181	Psion	246 †	-6	...	1.5	17.2
261	187	Racal Elect	240	+4	...	2.2	19.7
50	33	Radamec	41	+1	...	5.9	12.2
48	27	Radius	42 †	...	...	1.0	...
169	73	Real Time	145	...	...	3.4	∞
311	229	Roxboro	233 †	-3	...	2.4	17.0
615	507	Sage Gp	609	-1	...	2.1	16.4
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	85	...	...	4.2	...
89	19	Scantronic	25	...	...	4.2	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
432	310	Sema Gp	430 †	+6	...	1.6	25.9
270	245	Servomex	266 †	...	...	3.1	29.5
49	36	Silvermines	38 †	...	...	2.7	22.6
94	63	Soundtracks	67	...	...	4.5	15.2
3225	2265½	TDK	2540½	+15½	...	1.2	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	98	...	...	2.6	18.3
170	80	Telemetrix	87	...	...	1.4	11.1
308	191	Telspec	300 †	...	...	1.0	36.2
1165	963	Thorn EMI	975 †	+5	...	4.4	19.9
230	133	Thorpe FW	208	...	...	1.9	∞
43	22	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.3
303	215	Tunstall	248	...	...	1.8	17.2
363	256	Unitech	339	-2	...	2.4	26.5
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	23½	+½	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	191	+1	...	1.8	25.0
483	395	Volex	414	...	...	5.5	18.2
200	60	Wakebourne	88	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selecn	25	-1	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	716	+3	...	4.0	56.5
866	566	Eastern Grp	742	-3	...	3.9	16.2
477	308	Hydro-Elect	315	+7	...	5.0	10.0
753	534	London Elect	685	-2	...	4.1	10.5
871	635	Manweb	762	-3	...	4.0	9.1
840	547	Midlands Elec	715	...	...	4.1	11.0
530	404½	National Powr	468	+17	...	3.3	11.6
858	589	Northern Elec	757	+2	...	4.1	9.5
421	329	Nthn Ireland	363	+10	...	3.9	9.9
850	587	Norweb	753	-2	...	3.8	9.9
602	449	PowerGen	531	+12	...	3.0	11.7
460	325	Scottish Power	373	+8	...	4.7	10.5
453	299	Seeboard	404	+5	...	3.6	10.7
840	591	Sth Wales	768	-3	...	4.2	10.4
824	551	Sth Western	740	-2	...	4.0	9.8
837	545	Southern Elec	715	-11	...	4.0	11.2
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	694	-11½	...	4.2	13.5

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
165	78	BWD	82	+3	...	6.4	6.7
119	96	Baltic Plc	118 †	+1	...	2.1	13.1
215	163	Biotec Inv	166	+1	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	673	-1	...	3.0	16.6
2650	1401	Camellia	2650	...	...	1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	184	Esco	185	+1	...	5.7	10.1
405	367	Goven	369	-2	...	4.9	6.1
250	185	Ivory Sime	227½	-2½	...	4.2	17.4
428	150	Johnson Fry	155	...	1.5	1.2	...
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	155 †	...	...	7.5	9.7
57	44	Manakin	50	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	19½	...	...	...	0.3
58	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	269 †	-2	...	3.9	13.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	313	...	...	4.4	10.1
114	76	Singer & Fried	77 †	...	...	5.1	9.9
1260	788	Sotheby's	790 †	-5	...	3.5	34.1
188	116	SJP Capital	124	...	...	3.0	7.6
224	153	Towry Law	153 †	...	...	3.7	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1900 †	...	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	125	+1	...	5.8	9.2
229	157	Gartmore	164 †	...	...	3.0	19.0
1208	845	Henderson Ad	863	-15	...	6.4	13.7
251½	152	Invesco	158 †	-3	...	3.0	25.9
317	214½	Jardine Strat	235	-1½	...	3.3	10.0
323	218	MAI	230 †	+2	...	4.2	∞
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	91	+2½	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	593	-5	...	4.7	13.8
1243	794	M & G	923	-2	...	3.8	19.3
496	329	Smith New Ct	330	...	...	3.8	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	502 †	+2	...	3.7	9.8
68	50½	ASDA Group	62½	-½	...	3.5	14.3
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	285	-4	...	3.7	11.4
74	44	Albert Fisher	45	...	...	10.4	10.0
315	222½	Argyll	265	-2½	...	5.4	11.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	245 †	...	...	5.0	9.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	24.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	418 †	+2	...	6.6	15.4
59½	48	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	413	Brake Bros	413	...	...	2.2	14.8
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.9
189	156	CPL Aromas	199	...	...	2.0	18.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	448 †	+9	...	4.3	14.8
232	143	Carr's Milling	185	-1	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	199	-1	...	6.5	13.3
17	11½	Callens	14½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	118	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	432	+1	...	6.3	11.1
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	216 †	+2	...	3.6	14.6
101	58	Everest	58	...	...	5.5	∞
394	344	Fairpak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
108	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	189	Geest	198	-4	...	5.2	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	125	-2	...	6.7	7.6
196½	151	Hillsdown	172	...	...	6.5	12.1
28	16	Hobson	23	-½	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	154 †	+4	...	3.2	9.6
111	93	JLI Group	97	...	...	6.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	536	-3	...	4.3	9.4
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	117 †	...	...	2.9	14.1
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	2.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	130	+6	...	1.0	15.1
346	205	Nichols (JN)	242 †	-1	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	205	+4	...	5.4	10.0
14	9	Nthmbrn Fn	13	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	180 †	+3	...	4.6	10.0
146	89½	Park Foods	114	...	...	2.6	23.1
81	62	Perkins Food	76 †	...	...	7.3	12.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	119 †	...	...	2.1	∞
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	397	-4	...	3.3	14.0
96	73	Scotty Farm	80	...	...	3.5	8.1
122	71	Sims Food	89	...	...	10.5	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	419	...	...	4.0	10.4
255	200½	Tesco	237 †	-4	...	4.2	11.9
198	162	Thorntons	178	...	...	2.7	...
238	145	Trent	197 †	...	...	2.6	16.1
434½	326	Unigate	329	+3	...	6.6	9.3
388	301	Utd Biscuits	308	-5	...	6.3	24.7
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	279	Watson& Philip	373	...	...	4.9	15.1
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	38	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	77 †	...	...	2.9	15.6
255	209½	Forte	223	...	...	4.3	28.1
207	169	Friendly Hotels	169	...	...	4.3	27.9
171½	142½	Jurys Hotel	167½	-½	...	4.1	15.0
217½	151	Ladbroke	153 †	-2	...	3.8	27.0
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	83½	+½	...	3.8	22.1
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	30½	...	...	4.3	17.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	81	+1	...	1.9	29.2

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	40	...	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	393	+1	...	5.7	14.0
185	119	AIM	141	...	...	4.0	37.6
136	70½	APV	72½	+½	...	7.6	...
220	157	ASW	182 †	-1	...	4.1	...
202	157	Adwest	157	...	...	6.2	∞
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18 †	...	...	5.2	51.0
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	182	Alexdra W	182	...	...	3.8	14.4
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	325 †	+1	...	2.3	∞
73	27½	Alvis	29	...	...	4.3	20.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	53	...	...	2.4	∞
81	45	Anagen	52	-1	...	...	...
43	47	Andrews Sykes	67	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	373	...	...	1.2	30.1
62	48	Armour	51	...	...	4.5	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.0
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	555	-5	...	3.7	24.1
297½	248	Aspac Nursg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.2	18.4
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	111	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	181 †	+1	...	3.1	...
193	115	BLP Group	165 †	...	...	0.8	45.3
51	24½	BM Gp	44	+1½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	685	+5	...	4.2	28.9
86½	59½	BSG	61½	+½	...	6.6	38.0
578	495	BSS Group	522	-2	...	4.2	22.0
401	300½	BTR	307 †	+6½	...	5.1	16.2
176	138	BWI	140	-1	...	6.2	∞
40½	26½	Babcock	30½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...	...	...
220	216	Baird (Wm)	223	+1	...	5.1	18.7
569½	368½	Barlow	434½	...	...	0.1	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
24½	17	Bearing Power	21	-½	...	4.5	13.3
35	23	Beauford	32	...	...	...	...
73	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	11	Benson Group	11 †	-½	...	3.8	∞
393	343	Bespak	280 †	-3	...	4.6	14.4
91	49	Bibby (J)	53	...	...	4.7	...
246	124	Billam (J)	134 †	-1	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Batsea	37	...	...	...	...
37½	7½	Bincec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	248	-3	...	3.0	18.2
40	30	Black Arrow	39	...	...	3.3	9.5
290	233	Black (Peter)	264 †	-2	...	2.1	19.0
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	213	+4	...	3.6	6.3
329	262	Bodycote	304	...	...	2.2	20.6
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	25	...	...	4.0	∞
534	409	Bowater	454 †	-2	...	3.6	17.0
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1778½	-40½	...	...	...
297	248	Bozmore Intl	251	+3	...	2.0	16.0
20	15	Brasway	16 †	-½	...	6.1	16.3
370	288	Brammer	339 †	...	...	4.8	19.8
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.5	∞
171	120	Bridon	161	-1	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	49½	-½	...	9.2	∞
235	185	Br Bldg & Eng	185	...	...	5.6	∞
126	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	442	...	...	3.5	15.4
172½	121½	Br Steel	164	-½	...	1.5	60.7
176	51	Br Thornton	51	...	...	14.7	4.5
309	219	Br Vita	220 †	+1	...	4.3	16.4
180½	136½	Britton Grp	142 ↓	-2	...	2.2	20.9
986	773½	Broken Hill	890	-3	...	2.3	36.6
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	92	...	...	6.1	11.7
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	149	...	...	5.1	24.5
16	7	Business Tech	7½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbll & Arm	42	-2	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	15	+1	...	...	5.7
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	238	Cape	238	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	265 †	+2	...	4.2	17.6
219½	128½	Caradon pf	132½	+1½	7.2	6.8	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	249	+1	...	4.6	16.3
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Mtl	2075	+9½	...	2.3	16.1
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	139	...	...	2.3	17.1
66	32	Cattay Intl	32	...	...	...	...
232	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	755	-3	...	3.7	21.5
360	272	Chemring	280	...	...	4.1	14.8
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	165 †	-2½	...	1.5	28.8
81	60	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	247½	...	...	4.0	∞
265	187	Concentric	189	...	...	3.9	15.7
310	240	Cook (Wm)	273	...	...	3.4	13.1
285	227	Cookson	234 †	-1	...	3.5	21.2
117	81	Copyrnore	115 †	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	118	Crmwll Pkr 'A'	118 †	-5	...	6.0	∞
157	109	Cosalt	131	...	...	6.0	...
285	198	Creighton Nt	200	...	...	4.8	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	30 †	...	...	3.2	...
2062½	16½	Dana	1637½	...	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	269	-8	...	0.7	22.9
296	198	David Brown	198	...	...	4.0	14.0
1021	825	De La Rue	925	+5	...	2.7	19.7
162	133	Denby Group	141	...	...	2.7	13.7
52	32	Dinkie Heel	32	...	...	5.6	9.2
628	445½	Diploma	450	...	...	3.5	16.0
97	70	Dobson Park	81	...	...	5.8	16.0
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	105	...	...	4.2	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	82	...	...	5.3	∞
16	12	EFG	14½	+1	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Ellbief	16	-1	...	...	...
53	31	Elco	32	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	2900½	...	...	1.8	50.8
91	69	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	352 †	+8	...	5.8	17.0
146	96	Enviromed	123	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3340½	+6½	...	1.2	28.9
86	56	Eurocopy	65	...	...	3.5	19.1
118	80	Expamet	99 †	...	...	3.3	20.1
402	334½	Fairey Group	370 †	...	...	2.1	19.6
148	109	Fenner	143	...	...	0.3	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	35	Ferrum	35	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60 †	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	108	+1	...	3.2	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	10.8	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	220	Frost Group	230 †	...	...	2.9	23.2
88	77	GEI Int	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
660	510½	GKN	598 †	+3	...	4.3	35.0
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Carton Eng	129	...	...	4.5	34.6
191	121	Gestetner	123 †	...	...	2.4	...
66	49	Glews	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	575 †	+7½	...	5.0	14.1
46	26	Glencheweton	26	-5	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	327	+6	...	4.5	18.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	192	+1	...	3.9	15.1
185	113	Grampian Hdg	113	-4	...	6.2	43.0
598	475	Granada	490½	-½	...	2.3	19.4
775	452	Great Sthrn	775	...	...	2.3	25.7
85	71	Green (Ernst)	75 †	...	...	10.0	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	4.1	13.7
85	61	Haden MacLn	66 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
122	90	Hadleigh	117 †	...	...	2.7	13.7
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	61	...	...	...	47.6
320	147	Hall Eng	147 †	-1	...	6.8	11.3
256	204	Halma	215	...	...	1.4	25.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	69	-½	...	3.6	13.1
302	234	Hanson	228½	+4	...	6.6	20.5
161	122	Harris (Philip)	143	-2	...	6.0	17.7
230	192	Harrisn Crsfld	166 †	+3	...	6.8	18.9
180	121	Havelock Euro	164	-2	...	1.5	19.5
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35 †	...	...	2.5	27.2
511	284	Hepworth	307 †	+2	...	6.0	17.5
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	138	Hill & Smith	138	...	...	5.3	15.0
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	54	-1	...	3.0	...
216	176	Hornby	182	...	...	6.2	15.9
103	78	Howden	84	...	...	3.6	13.5
292	234	Hozelock	252½	-½	...	3.0	18.0
265	165	Hunting	165	...	...	7.6	32.6
513	402	Hunstgh Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	302 †	+16	...	4.2	25.4
138	110	ISA Intl	118	+2	...	1.8	14.7
165	45	Intercare Gp	45	...	...	9.7	4.8
325	284	Isotron	288 †	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	507½	-2½	...	2.9	11.7
628	488	Johnson Matth	535	+4	...	2.7	21.3
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	286	+1	...	2.0	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	153	-1½	...	3.6	14.5
302	230	Kelsey Ind	302	...	...	3.3	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	357	...	...	3.9	16.6
170	145	Lilleshall	160 †	...	...	3.7	16.8
229	205	Lincat	219 †	+1	...	3.9	∞
408	313	Linton Park	405	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	5½	Llanbeart	5½	...	...	6.8	12.5
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	87	+1	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	136½	-3	...	3.7	37.5
438	364	Low & Bonar	403	...	...	3.2	16.1
49	41	ML Hdgs	46	...	...	2.3	15.9
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
53	43	Abbey Vaney	47	...	...	...	...
3750½	2300	[illegible] Bridge	3521½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
280	234	Justrigh Intl	252	+2	...	3.0	17.8
265	209	[illegible]	216 †	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
511	347	Hempnowds	332 †	-6	...	5.9	18.3
205	154	Hi-Ang Li Tung	175 †	...	...	2.3	...
75	52	Hocking Church	60	...	0.5	1.0	...
440	348	Willis Cessnic	348	-7	...	3.0	18.9
54	33	Vospco Gerrard	37	...	...	...	...
1247	989	Wasden	1003	+8	25.0	3.1	∞
8118½	6781½	Waktmrson	6815½	+9½	...	3.0	∞
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	...	3.4	13.3
271	223	Macfarlane	260 †	...	...	2.0	20.9
539	429	McKechnie	429	...	...	4.3	20.6
127	100	McLeod Russel	114	...	...	6.7	17.8
104	70	Magnolia	72	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	153	-6	...	2.9	17.3
29½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	166	Mayborn	187 †	...	...	3.9	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	159 †	+1	...	2.3	12.8
120	76	Meggitt	76 †	...	...	6.5	12.2
120	101	Melrose	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	99	-1	...	4.4	∞
133	90	Mersec	133	...	...	2.8	18.4
134	69	Midstates	70	...	...	...	9.7
599	542	Molins	541 †	...	...	3.7	10.9
408	319	Morgan Cble	319	...	...	5.1	15.2
217	176	Morris Ashby	208	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	37	...	...	4.2	17.3
80	42	Nestor-BNA	42 †	...	...	9.4	10.4
274	214	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	121	-1	...	7.2	21.7
35	27	Novo Group	27	...	...	0.9	∞
64	49	OMI Intl	50	-1	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	...	...	7.0	22.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	99 †	...	...	3.6	19.6
310	207	Photo-Me	207 †	...	...	2.9	∞
208	162	Pilkington	184	...	...	2.7	79.1
55	38	Plant & Gen	53	-1	...	4.2	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	127 †	...	...	2.3	∞
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	38	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	305	-3	...	3.0	13.6
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.3
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	60	-5	...	...	...
447½	359½	Rank Org	391	-2	...	4.0	25.1
71	13	Ransomes	58	-½	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	535 †	+6	...	4.3	13.2
95	70	Record	85	...	...	5.4	18.9
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	248	...	...	2.7	45.3
308	268	Renishaw	288	+1	...	3.0	∞
185	126	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Rexam	448	+6	...	1.9	22.4
90	72	Rexmore	73	...	...	4.3	7.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	138 †	...	...	5.4	∞
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.3	37.9
104½	82½	Richardson West	83 †	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
24	14	Ross Gp	14	...	...	3.6	...
195	157	Rotork	169 †	...	...	3.4	16.6
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	93	...	...	3.1	18.9
42	34½	SEP Indl	35	...	...	3.2	16.5
1499½	1075	SKF 'B'	1075	-28½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	207	-½	...	3.6	17.7
210	145	Scholl	145 †	...	...	5.5	13.9
295	242	Scotia	273	...	...	...	...
1543	1140	Securicor	1418	-20	...	0.3	35.1
1009	785	Securicor 'A'	903	-12	...	0.4	22.4
892	606	Security Serv	723	-12	...	1.0	22.9
150½	111	Senior Eng	111	...	...	3.9	17.0
356	291	Seton Health	335	...	...	2.4	17.1
180	138	Shiloh	153	...	...	2.9	10.1
358	225	Sidlaw	225	-1	...	6.0	11.0
630	504	Siebe	507	+3	...	2.7	16.3
378	194	Silentnight	215	...	...	4.7	13.3
196	137	Sime Darby	170	...	...	3.2	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	101	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	193	-1	...	4.5	15.6
73	35	Six Hundred	73	...	...	2.6	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	139 †	+½	...	4.5	15.4
465½	357½	Smithkline	420 †	+1	...	3.2	16.4
421	322	Smithkline Uts	383 †	+1	...	3.6	14.9
527½	415	Smiths Ind	415	...	...	3.7	16.6
104	41	Sthn Bus	48	...	...	9.7	7.5
230	155½	Spandex	253	...	...	1.2	20.3
441	337	Spirax-Sarco	427 †	...	...	2.8	18.1
81½	44½	Spring Ram	44½	...	...	1.4	...
267	107	Staveley	205	+1	...	5.2	50.0
267	197	Sterling Ind	233	+1	...	3.4	20.9
220	168	Suter	168 ↓	-1	...	6.9	16.2
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	476	-2	...	2.0	∞
179	149	Sytone	160 †	-3	...	3.9	17.7
455	343	TI	349 †	+6	...	4.1	19.3
44	31	TLS Range	38 †	-1	...	3.3	15.3
402	330	TT Group	349 †	+1	...	2.4	∞
292	192	Takare	216	+1	2.0	1.2	18.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	757½	-5½	...	0.8	14.3
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	185	Tison	185	...	...	2.9	15.7
283	204	Tomkins	213 †	-4	...	4.3	13.7
124	74½	Trafalgar H	80	...	...	1.6	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	53	...	...	8.0	5.5
169	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	0.5	∞
313	257½	UniChem	258 †	...	...	3.3	14.6
440	285	Unidare	300	...	...	3.6	16.3
54	33	Unigroup	35	...	...	...	...
1267	958	Unilever	1104	-5	25.0	2.8	15.9
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7081½	-25	...	3.0	14.4
18½	12	Utd Inds	15 ↓	...	...	0.8	...
1228	980	VSEL	1180	-13	...	3.6	11.4
31½	12	Vernon	12	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	170 †	+1	...	2.6	18.0
327	267	Victaulic	247 †	-2	...	4.1	13.6
522	451	Vinten	509	...	...	2.0	16.5
805	661	Vosper Thorny	708	-1	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	56 †	...	...	4.2	32.8
527	451	Wagon Ind	465	...	...	4.8	23.7
114	97	Walker Greenbk	107	...	...	4.0	20.7
324	246½	Wassall	280 †	+1	...	1.6	24.0
63	44	Wtrford Wdgwd	58	-1	...	...	45.2
354½	249½	Weir	264 ↓	+2	...	3.1	19.7
731	498	Wellcome	670	+18	...	3.2	15.2
220	195	Wellington Hdg	195 †	...	...	3.3	18.8
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hldcare	348	-1	...	1.6	∞
548	400	Whatman	400 †	...	...	3.3	14.7
264	90	Whessoe	100	-1	...	10.2	7.6
147	93	Whitecroft	140	...	...	1.8	22.1
13½	10	Widney	10½	-½	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	329 †	-3	...	5.0	20.3
57	39½	Wilshaw	50½	...	...	1.2	23.2
975	705	Wolseley	735	-18	...	2.5	17.8
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	65 †	...	...	1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	73	-2	...	5.7	28.1



INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1250	+25	...	5.3	...
2043½	1675	Am Gen	1675	-25	...	4.4	...
86	47	Archer	49	+1	...	2.6	...
165	86	Bradstock	86	...	...	8.1	9.9
590	370	Britannic	386 †	+7	...	4.2	...
117	89	CLM Insce	89	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Cmn Union	512 ↓	+15	...	6.2	19.3
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	37	...	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	142	...	...	6.3	12.7
757	529	Gen Accident	540	+9	...	6.6	8.5
247	161	GRE	181	...	...	3.5	19.9
457	238	Heath C E	244	+3	...	8.2	...
323	239	Independent	251 †	...	...	4.4	7.1
203	128	JIB Group	127 †	...	...	7.4	11.6
547	407	Legal & Gen	437 †	...	...	5.9	14.7
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1325 ↓	+25	...	7.8	5.1
119	91	LIMIT	91	...	...	1.4	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	327 †	-2	...	7.1	9.9
310	152	Lloyd Thomp	157 †	...	...	6.2	10.3
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.5	∞
443	313	Londn & Man	325 †	+5	...	6.2	16.2
236	171	Lowndes Lmb	171	...	...	5.5	10.8
5893½	4825	Marsh McLn	4825 †	-75	...	3.8	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Oriel	115	...	...	5.5	∞
83	35½	PWS	35½	...	...	10.6	...
385	271	Prudential	296 †	+2	...	5.7	12.8
404	261	Refuge	267 †	+5	...	5.5	∞
350	232½	Royal	280 †	+5	...	4.0	7.0
222	139	Sedgwick	144 †	+3	...	5.2	16.3
155	104	Steel Burrill	109 †	+4	...	10.3	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	73	+1	...	5.1	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	315 †	+6	...	6.0	8.8
96	51	Trade Indemnty	62	-1	...	1.8	13.7
464	332	Transatlantic	335 †	+2	...	4.5	30.3
673	480	Utd Friendly	480 †	+20	...	4.5	24.7
245	133	Willis Corroon	146	+2	...	5.7	14.1
28	20	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	314½	-3	...	2.6	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1715 †	+7	...	3.5	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	405	+4	...	2.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	118 †	...	...	8.3	∞
219	173	Bankers	179	+1	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	312	...	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	92 †	...	...	5.9	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	92½	...	...	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	199	...	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	232	-1	...	2.9	...
223	194	Contl Asset	196	...	...	1.0	...
173	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	12.4	...
328	268	Derby Cap	270	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	77	...	...	13.6	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	89	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	137 †	-1	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	620 †	+2	...	5.3	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	88	-1	...	...	...
80	44½	Dunedin Wts	44½	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	315	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	758	...	...	1.6	...
360	281	Edinburgh	297½	-½	...	3.7	...
354	286	Electra Inv	316	+1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	192	+1	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	111	-1	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	299	...	...	1.9	...
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	145	...	...	0.3	...
109½	87	Fidity Jap Val	87	-1	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	270½	Fleming Amer	288	...	...	0.5	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	76	...	...	...	...
92	38	Fleming Wts	38	...	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	201 †	...	...	3.4	...
385	305	Fleming Cont	305	-4	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Exp	197 †	...	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	364	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	355	Fleming Fledg	356	-1	...	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming HI Inc	92	...	...	6.0	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	260	-2	...	0.2	...
347	264½	Fleming Merc	283 †	+1	...	3.0	...
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	287 †	+2	...	1.9	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	134	+½	...	1.7	...
148	108½	Frgn Emg Mkts	128½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70½	...	...	1.1	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	225½	-2	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	117	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	316 †	...	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	163	-½	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	246 †	-1	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	157	-1	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	141	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	121	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	80 †	...	...	7.0	...
439	349	Govett Oriental	395	-2	...	0.3	...
346	228	Govett Strategic	230	+1	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	419	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	88½	...	...	...	...
99	91	Int Biotech	91	...	...	...	...
50	30	Int Wts	38	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	124	...	...	5.2	...
119	94	MS UK Smllr	99	-2	...	3.5	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	161	...	...	...	...
243	195½	Kleinwort Chtr	196	+½	...	3.3	...
88½	79½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	76	+½	...	...	...
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	26½	...	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klnwt O'seas	231½	+1	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	718	-3	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	196	...	...	3.2	...
324	237	Merchants	251 †	+2	...	5.6	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	81½	+1	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	+½	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	109	-1	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	40	-1	...	...	...
2987½	2093½	Merrill Lynch	2043½	-6½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	517	+3	...	1.7	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	128	...	...	4.4	...
64	43	Morg Wts	50	+½	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	106	-1	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	59½	-½	...	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	109½	-½	...	2.3	...
38	34	Murray Wts	35	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	323 †	+2	...	4.6	...
395	319	Murray Intl	327 †	+2	...	4.8	...
548	424	Murray Small	478	-1	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	86	...	...	15.4	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	142	...	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.6	...
162	153	Murray S/C DP	156½	+½	...	...	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	303 †	+½	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nwdrug Inc	62	...	...	9.7	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	349	+1	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	203	-1	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	505	-4	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	405	-3	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8500	...	195	2.9	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114 †	...	...	10.1	...
449	413	Robeco	422	...	...	3.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	433	...	...	1.9	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	300	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	157	+1	...	3.8	...
368	228	Scot Asian	288	...	...	...	...
1070	669	Scot Wts	798	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	79½	+½	...	2.5	...
262½	209	Scottish	209½	+½	...	3.0	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	218½	+½	...	2.3	...
133½	109½	Scottish Value	110	+½	...	2.2	...
1795	1520	Second Alince	1520 †	...	...	3.5	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	80½	+½	...	5.0	...
179	148	Selective Asset	157	+1½	...	1.2	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	42½	...	...	10.0	...
205	149	TR Far East	165	-1	...	3.9	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	138	...	...	4.8	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	112	...	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	32½ ↓	...	...	3.4	...
152	110	TR Tech Inv	110	...	...	3.0	...
228	182	TR Stnfr Cos	190 †	-1	...	2.5	...
412	310	Temple Bar	324	+1	...	5.3	...
135	102	Thrstn Asian E	107	-2	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	76½	-½	...	3.8	...
568	466	Throg Dual Cp	490	-3	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	237 †	-1	...	2.4	...
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	108½	...	...	4.6	...
257½	205	Witan	224½	+½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	...	...	2.5	15.6
46½	19	Aid Lets	19	...	...	...	...
177	145	Alpha Airpts	147 †	...	...	3.4	∞
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	-3	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	279 †	...	...	4.5	11.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	345	+8	...	1.9	20.7
205	135	Border TV	169	-3	...	3.0	14.1
7½	3½	Brent Walker	3½	-½	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scotts	188	+13	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	37	Campari	37	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	358	-9	...	2.2	31.6
1047	797	Carlton Comm	818	+1	...	3.0	18.1
375	248	Castle Comm	360	...	...	1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	206	+1	3.2	2.0	...
374	305	Compass Gp	323	-1	...	2.6	19.0
290	232	Eurocamp	270	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	89	Euro Disney	91	+2	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	415	...	...	3.6	28.9
131	81	First Choice	117	...	...	3.7	...
350	262	First Leisure	265 †	-2	...	3.1	17.6
478	309	Flextech	430	+2	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	908	...	...	1.4	32.9
356	228	Grampian	334	+1½	...	2.8	17.8
172	106	HTV Group	148 †	-1	...	1.5	33.1
96	38	Hi-Tec Sports	39	+1	...	9.3	5.5
18½	11½	Kunick	14½	...	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	239	...	...	6.2	12.2
702	539	Man Utd	679	+1	...	4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
66	34	Northern	65	...	...	4.0	∞
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	93	...	...	1.5	∞
183	126	Prism Leisure	126	...	...	4.1	8.9
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	264	+1	...	2.1	39.7
628	395	Scott Radio	580	...	...	2.3	22.7
574	355	Scot TV	474	-1	...	3.3	26.0
40½	21½	SelecTV	22	...	...	...	...
350	299½	Stanley Leisure	328	...	...	2.0	18.5
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenham Hot	136 †	+2	...	0.0	36.5
760	518	Ulster TV	708 †	...	...	2.9	21.8
150	129	VCI	130	...	...	1.8	13.4
149	112	Vardon	123 †	...	...	1.2	21.8
392	150	Yorkshire TV	374	-5	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	144	...	...	7.4	∞

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3509½	...	...	2.0	33.5
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3487½	...	...	2.6	18.9
7206½	4595½	Ang Am Gold	6815½	-3½	...	3.5	20.5
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1269½	-6½	...	...	...
404	275	Balyrchik	297	-4	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	157½	-3½	...	...	...
37	14½	Bracken	15½	...	...	5.6	...
898	580½	Buffels	810½	-½	...	6.6	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	822	-½	...	2.4	22.7
55½	36	Cliff Res	46½	...	...	...	...
138	29½	Coal Inv	138	+6	...	...	...
1750	1313½	De Beers	1493½	...	...	3.5	15.9
148	88	Deelkraal	116½	...	...	3.0	10.3
99½	30½	Doornfontein	98½	...	...	...	...
1029½	669½	Driefontein	972½	-16	...	4.4	14.4
928	549½	Durban	850½	-½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	181½	...	...	9.7	6.9
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	114½	...	...	...	...
498½	309½	Elandsrand	492	-½	...	3.2	11.5
1239	741½	FS Cons	1054½	-4½	...	6.5	11.0
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1918½	1197½	GFSA	1662½	-20½	...	2.2	25.0
215½	108½	Gencor	211	...	...	1.5	28.6
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57	-1	...	2.5	21.5
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	181½	...	...	5.2	9.7
680½	319½	Harmony	597	-½	...	...	...
430	260½	Hardies	350½	-½	...	8.0	30.4
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1481½	...	...	1.7	46.1
1319½	890½	Kinross	1103½	-½	...	4.3	15.4
1087½	568½	Kloof	1047	-½	...	3.0	11.0
137	69½	Leslie	127½	...	...	6.2	∞
368½	176½	Loraine	359	...	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	118	...	...	1.9	...
£1762½	1612½	Minorco	1612½	-6½	...	2.2	∞
201½	149½	Nth Brkn Hill	170	-1	...	3.0	25.9
905	790	RTZ	870 †	+5	...	3.0	24.8
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	771½	-½	...	4.1	∞
295	207	Renison	237	-8	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1731½	...	...	1.2	∞
756	539½	St Helena	708½	+3½	...	3.6	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1990½	...	...	4.3	23.3
143	73	Stilfontein	135½	...	...	15.6	4.6
261½	93	Unisel	194½	...	...	3.0	15.1
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6690½	-69½	...	3.8	11.1
1100½	508½	Western Areas	1078½	...	...	6.5	10.2
3362½	2050	Western Deep	3260½	+9½	...	3.2	11.3
398	300½	Westn Mining	369	+3	...	1.0	∞
1235	603½	Winkels	896½	...	...	5.2	12.7
66	50	Zambia Copper	59	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	56	...	...	7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
140	108	Airflow Stream	138	...	3.0	2.7	20.8
175	117	Appleyard	118 †	...	...	6.1	20.8
485	268	Bletchley Mtr	275 †	...	...	4.8	11.3
306	180	Bostrom	300	...	...	2.5	17.0
584	390	Br Aerospace	452 †	+13	...	2.5	39.7
57	36	Burndene	38	+2	...	6.6	11.1
465	280	Caffyns	300	...	...	4.8	20.2
22	13½	Caverdale	14½	+½	...	1.3	14.7
130	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	40	...	...	3.1	∞
348	208	Cowie	211	+2	...	4.9	10.3
192½	127	Dwg Motors	141 †	...	...	5.8	18.2
158	113	Dwnpt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	327	...	...	8.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	204	...	...	5.2	16.0
173	108	European Mtr	110	...	...	4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	397 †	...	...	4.8	12.5
310	235	FR Group	278	-3	...	3.4	15.2
2399½	1667½	Ford Motor	1737½	+25	...	...	...
4387½	2837½	General Mtr	2892½	+25	...	1.8	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	269½	Henlys	278 †	-2	...	3.4	14.9
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1108	+9	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	38	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	152 †	...	...	3.3	17.4
573	346	Lex Service	360	+7	...	4.7	13.5
282	162	Lookers	182	+1	...	4.7	11.3
239	158	Lucas	182	-1	...	4.8	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	233 †	...	...	4.0	15.2
238	167	Perry Gp	167 †	...	...	5.2	9.2
218	152	Quicks Group	152 †	...	...	4.3	16.0
204	161	Rolls-Royce	174½	+3½	...	3.6	30.8
261	203	T & N	212 †	+1	...	6.4	18.5
333	283	Trinity Hldgs	315	-2	...	2.6	22.6
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	163	...	...	3.5	15.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	203 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	340	...	...	3.0	14.4
402	213	Blenheim Gp	253	+8	...	5.2	9.5
415	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1357½	...	...	1.4	31.3
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	940½	+6½	...	2.0	22.0
314	260	Dorling Kind	291½	+1	...	1.4	∞
629½	[illegible]	Elsevier	628½	+13	...	3.1	20.4
489	361½	EMAP	373 †	...	...	2.9	23.2
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1805	...	...	2.8	31.8
194	32	Harrington E	50	...	...	6.8	∞
515	338	Haynes Pub	443 †	...	...	2.5	26.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	340 †	...	...	2.0	55.4
180	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	217 †	-5	...	2.0	10.5
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	298 †	...	...	2.9	30.1
669	551	Johnston Press	626 †	...	...	1.4	23.0
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	475 †	-8	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	131 †	-1	...	2.7	17.9
203	123	Mirror Gp	129 †	+1	...	1.0	6.8
514½	375	News Corp	375 †	-4	...	0.4	24.4
314	224	News Intl	229 †	...	...	0.8	12.2
735	552	Pearson	580 †	+8	...	2.8	20.3
760	645	Portsmth Sund	645	-4	...	2.1	15.9
964	722	Reed Int	761	+21	...	3.2	21.0
249	187	Southnews	228	...	...	1.6	29.9
200	136	Sterling Pub	136 †	...	...	3.3	11.6
622	310	Telegraph	310 †	...	...	5.2	10.9
883	695	Thomson Corp	695	-40	30.1	5.4	34.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	398 †	...	...	3.1	18.3
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	470	Utd Newspaprs	490 †	+5	...	5.8	11.8

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	37½	+½	...	...	22.7
53	35	Arcon Intl	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	65½	-2½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	46	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
240	197	Br Borneo	199 †	...	...	4.5	9.5
358	253	British Gas	280	+1	...	6.4	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	400½	+4	...	2.8	22.3
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	846	-2	...	4.1	16.6
84	56	Cairn Energy	73	...	...	...	40.2
375	261	Calor Gp	262	-2	...	6.1	12.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	38 †	-1	...	1.2	...
30	13	Coplex Res	13½	+½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	379	Enterprise	393 †	+1	...	5.1	...
28½	21½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	63	...	...	3.9	20.9
48	31	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	142	...	...	0.9	18.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	147	-2	...	0.9	...
73	53	Lasmo Units	53 †	...	2.8	18.5	...
75	55	Monument	60	-½	...	...	73.7
7½	4	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	44	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Pentex	39½	+½	...	...	...
168	152	Plct Pet	152	-1	...	...	∞
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	103	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	25	...	...	...	13.6
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	205	-8	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	400	...	...	5.0	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pl	6740½	...	...	4.2	17.7
4084½	3403½	Schlumberger	3480½	+31½	...	2.2	...
65	50	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
758	631	Shell	694 †	...	...	4.5	21.0
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	-1	...	...	...
19	9½	Vikers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
237	179½	Woodside	229	+1	...	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	67	-1	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	146	...	...	4.5	13.1
444	385	API	385	...	...	2.9	22.9
346	237	Arjo Wiggins	265 †	+2	...	3.1	39.9
730	540	Abbot Mead	621 †	...	...	2.2	30.3
33	17½	Acgis Gp	28½	-½	...	...	...
225	145	Aspen Cmm	169 †	...	...	3.2	19.2
26	18	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	10.3
472	387	Bemrose	387 †	-2	...	4.0	13.8
17½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	164 †	-1	...	3.1	19.3
160	117½	CIA Gp	136	-1	...	1.6	22.0
198	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.3	13.2
99	76	City of Lon	83	...	...	6.6	12.7
439	304	Cropper (Jmes)	317	...	...	1.4	15.9
114	78	Delyn Group	78	...	...	2.7	14.2
137	106	Dolphin Pack	117	-3	...	4.9	14.8
83	67	Dudley Jenkins	67 †	...	...	6.1	14.8
17½	12	Elswick	16½	-1	...	2.5	12.9
101	75	Fairway Group	91	...	...	4.3	17.0
430	303	Ferguson Intl	303	-1	...	3.2	12.9
145	123	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	5.6	...
227	186	Filofax	200 †	+1	...	1.1	19.8
17½	8	Firth	11½	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	11.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	176 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	27	...	...	0.2	∞
162	124	Interurope	133	...	...	7.7	∞
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	228	-1	...	2.3	20.0
33½	21	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	347 †	...	...	4.8	20.0
425	230	Osborne & Little	400	-5	...	2.0	14.5
60	32	Osprey Comms	36	...	...	0.5	...
620	513	Portals	603	+3	...	3.0	18.4
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	260	Quarto	260	...	...	2.9	14.0
412	314	St Ives Gp	315	+1	...	2.3	22.1
178	129	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	31.2
902½	464½	Sappi	881½	+12½	...	1.2	19.5
30½	16½	Serif	17	+½	...	...	...
57	29½	Shandwick	47½	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	506	-6	...	2.2	22.6
439	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	391	-1	...	1.4	18.5
119	84	Somic	84	...	...	3.7	9.0
254	190	Sml-Plus	190 †	...	...	6.0	18.0
40½	29½	Taylor Nelson	36½	-1½	...	2.2	21.7
161	115	VTR	115	-8	...	4.3	18.3
36½	24½	WMGO	24½	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	63½	WPP	106	+1	...	1.2	15.1
230	182	Wace	225 †	...	...	2.2	14.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	214	...	...	5.0	10.5
511	368	Watmough	377 †	...	...	2.3	23.9
45	29	Whitney Mck	40	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	-1	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	42	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	263	+1	...	...	...
10½	2½	Ascot Hldgs	2½	-½	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	118	-1	...	2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	125 †	-1	...	4.4	14.7
2575	2096½	BCE	2218½	-18½	...	...	...
382½	245	Bilton	245	-2	...	5.0	17.6
108	72	Bourne End	81	...	...	1.5	...
276	185	Bradford	185	...	...	4.4	13.0
494	360	Br Land	391	+3	...	2.4	34.3
137	118	Brightstone	118	...	...	4.0	26.5
276	179	Brixton	179 †	-3	...	5.7	15.9
118	89½	Burford	90	+1½	...	2.2	29.2
112	100	CLS Hldgs	102 †	-1	...	6.0	...
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	151	-1	...	1.2	59.5
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	194	...	...	4.2	46.7
325	228	Cardiff Prop	228	...	...	1.4	51.0
185	152	Chelsfield	158 †	...	...	1.9	53.6
678	515	Chesterfield	515	-5	...	2.9	25.1
112	94	Chesterton Int	94	...	...	6.4	13.2
84	36½	City Site Ests	43	...	...	...	...
12½	7	Clarke Nickolls	7 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
380	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
36	32	Conrad Rtlat GS	32 †	...	...	2.0	28.0
1755	1330	Daejan	1330	-13	...	2.7	15.5
25½	8	Dares Estates	9½	...	...	...	...
156	108	Debenham Twn	107	...	...	4.1	17.3
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	166	...	...	2.5	46.6
347½	253	Derwent Hldgs	253	-2	...	2.2	22.6
41	21	Development Sec	23	+1	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
480	275	Estates Agency	370 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	23	-½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
53½	24	Ex-Lands	29½	+2	...	2.0	∞
80	66	Fiscal Prop	66	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	48	...	...	4.1	22.8
536	407	Frogmore	434	-1	...	5.0	∞
325	228	Grainger	256	...	...	2.9	∞
280	174	Gt Portland	187	+2	...	5.3	35.6
226½	118	Greycoat	121	+2	...	...	...
289	149	HK Land	153½	+½	...	4.1	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	39	-1	...	0.8	39.6
435	311	Hammerson	320 †	+4	...	3.9	32.1
390	290	Hallcal Bar	357	...	...	2.1	14.2
47½	29½	Hemingway	32½	...	...	1.5	55.8
78	28	Herring Baker	32	...	...	3.9	...
311½	139½	Jermyn	155 †	-5	...	...	77.6
702	588	Land Sec	608	+1	...	4.9	17.3
122	87	Lon Merch Sec	87	...	...	6.0	12.8
16	8½	Lon & Metro	9	...	...	...	0.4
552	409	MEPC	426	-1	...	5.8	24.6
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164½	McKay Secs	181 †	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Marlwde Mre	73 †	...	...	3.4	11.2
55	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1193½	...	...	2.3	11.9
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)	144	...	...	5.6	∞
59	27	OEM	27	...	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	147	PHIT	147	-½	...	3.9	20.8
300	243	Peel	243	-1	...	2.3	∞
162	147	Pillar Prop	147	-1	...	3.1	...
13½	4½	Power Corp	4½	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	4½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	34	...	...	...	12.5
40	25	Regalian	26½	...	...	...	10.0
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	102	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Savile Grdn (J)	60 †	...	...	3.6	17.5
100	66	Savills	66	-1	...	4.3	∞
108	82	Scot Met	85	...	...	2.3	...
135	100	Shaftesbury	100	-1	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	225 †	+1	...	4.5	48.1
103	56	Southend Prop	56	...	...	5.4	...
133	106	Specity Shops	111	-1	...	2.7	...
50	19	Stanhope Prps	19	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	35	-½	...	...	1.9
244	170	Tops Ests	170 †	...	...	1.6	40.5
163	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	94	+1	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	45	-2	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	220 †	...	...	6.4	21.2
260	218	Warnford	228 †	...	...	4.2	18.8
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wetec	67½	+½	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	68	...	...	3.7	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phlpps	165	...	...	8.5	21.7
202½	138	Lambert	138 †	-2	...	6.2	13.0
75	53	Pittards	65	-2	...	3.4	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	168 ↓	...	...	2.0	11.3
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.4	12.5

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	488	-1	...	3.4	15.0
71	48	Beckman (A)	48	...	...	9.3	10.3
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	194 †	...	...	5.5	19.9
385	292	Claremont Ga	294 †	...	...	3.2	16.3
595	451	Courtauld Text	464 †	+5	...	3.9	18.4
159½	119	Dawson	127	...	...	3.0	...
42	28	Drummond	39	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Foupel	75	-2	...	8.3	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27	+½	...	9.5	10.8
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	232	-4	...	2.5	16.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	61 †	...	...	1.6	7.7
485	383	Lamont	336	+1	...	4.8	12.7
340	265	Leeds	276	...	...	2.7	14.1
101	68	Lyles (S)	88	+3	...	5.1	∞
286	178	Parkland	178	...	...	3.5	10.6
112	77	Readicut	77	...	...	5.6	13.2
70	46	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	101	...	...	7.0	14.1
64	50	Stirling Gp	58 †	...	...	4.1	16.0
46	33	Stoddard	33	...	...	6.1	12.4
230	215	Tomkinsons	215	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.6
289	239	Yorklyde	263	-7	...	2.9	12.7

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	424 †	+7	...	6.1	11.1
489	337	Rothmans	388	-5	...	4.3	20.7

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
317½	228	Assoc Br Ports	287 †	+7	...	2.3	21.3
541½	440	BAA	468	+4	...	2.4	19.9
128	103½	Badgerline	117	...	...	4.4	...
496½	344	Br Airways	380	+5½	...	3.9	11.3
108	75	Clarkson (H)	88	...	...	2.5	21.9
592½	246	Eurotunnel Uts	253	-5	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	136½	IoM Steam	130 †	...	...	4.2	9.9
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	55 †	...	...	3.8	...
111	90	Lon O'seas Frr	90 †	...	...	3.2	2.1
334	380	Mersey Docks	395 †	...	...	3.0	19.1
367	245	Natl Express	317 †	...	...	3.0	18.3
391	157	NFC	176	...	...	5.0	27.0
348	246	Ocean Group	250 †	+1	...	7.2	12.8
91	38	Ocean Wilson	73	...	...	5.5	9.4
743	597	P & O Dfd	604 †	+6	...	6.3	18.7
196	153	P & O 5.5%	196	+1	...	3.5	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	557	-1	...	5.3	15.8
102	84	Seacon	97	...	...	3.0	22.0
210	158	Stagecoach	230 †	...	...	2.4	20.9
131	85½	TNT	114	+1	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	703 †	...	...	2.6	18.0
79	27	Tiphook	36	...	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	207 †	+7	...	5.7	13.9
136	98	Ugland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101 †	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	526	+8	...	5.4	13.5
565	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	330	...	...	4.4	[illegible]
751	588	Northumbrian	647	+16	...	4.7	7.8
611	454	North West	526	+8	...	5.5	7.8
685	457	Severn Trent	527	+13	...	5.4	7.4
682	466	Southern	571	+26	...	5.1	8.3
1740	1525	South Staffs	1730	...	...	3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	521	+12	...	6.1	7.7
611	434½	Thames	490	+19	...	5.6	8.8
744	546	Welsh	626	+11	...	5.1	6.9
797½	551	Wessex	608	+21	...	4.9	8.0
630	458	Yorkshire	513	+18	...	5.6	7.5

Source: Finstat.

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; • Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ∆ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100	...	8.96	5.40
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101	..	11.78	5.79
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.84
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	+	9.98	6.69
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105	+	12.04	7.04
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107	+	12.97	7.40
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111 †	+	13.70	7.58
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	+	12.24	7.69
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	-	9.63	7.98
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	+	11.98	8.09
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105	-	10.00	8.16
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.66	8.32
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117 †	+	12.79	8.50
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	102	-	9.52	8.55
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+	7.53	8.51
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94 †	-	7.12	8.51
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	-	12.07	8.78
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	-	12.62	8.62
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.81	8.76
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	102	-	9.24	8.72

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	89	+	6.69	8.65
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+	10.89	8.82
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106	+	9.87	8.80
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105	+	9.70	8.84
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	101	+	8.91	8.78
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	117	+	11.03	8.97
106	85	Treas 7% 2001	90 †	+	7.73	8.84
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	104	+	9.53	8.97
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104	+	9.38	9.02
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	94	+	8.46	8.91
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106	+	9.43	8.90
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	+	10.32	9.14
80	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	+	4.90	7.72
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	86	-	7.82	8.82
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	103	+	9.16	8.94
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104 †	+	9.13	8.91
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119	+	10.42	9.22
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	93	+	8.53	8.88
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	92	+	8.40	8.82
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	+	10.28	9.24
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	97	+	8.71	8.82
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126	+	10.66	9.23
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	101	+	8.84	8.79

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	93	+	8.54	8.77
136	100	Conv 9% 2011	102	+	8.70	8.73
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	102	+	8.78	8.72
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.51	8.46
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90	...	8.53	8.67
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	93	+	8.53	8.67
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	+	9.35	8.89
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	100	+	8.67	8.65

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.66	..
37	27	Treas 2½%	28	+	8.75	..

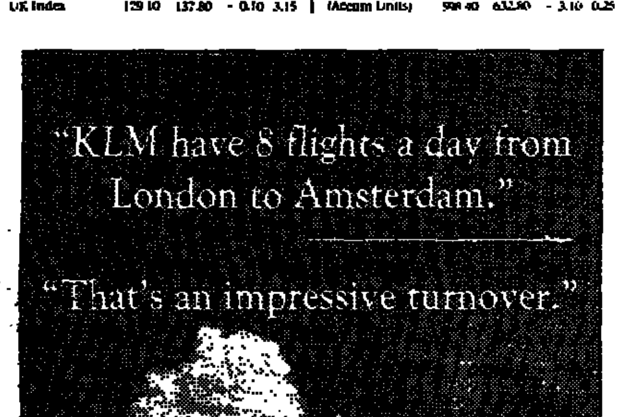
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203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	+	2.98	4.28
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106 †	+	2.96	3.74
170	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	...	3.43	3.83
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	...	3.53	3.86
118	107	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	108 †	-	3.54	3.85
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-	3.62	3.86
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	-	3.66	3.87
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	-	3.68	3.88
146	128	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.71	3.88
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.74	3.91
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131 †	-	3.78	3.92
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.76	3.89
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	-	3.80	3.94

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	153.80	162.80	-0.60	0.28
Grofund Equity	226.70	239.90	-0.10	1.33
Grofund Euro	190.20	201.30	-1.70	0.48
Grofund Expt Bal	110.50	114.90	...	2.00
Grofund Gilt	70.27	72.44	+0.10	5.54
Grofund Japan	180.00	190.40	-0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	499.90	531.50	...	2.93
General Inc	440.80	469.00	-0.10	2.93
Uk Growth Acc	337.40	359.00	-0.10	2.96
UK Growth Inc	234.30	249.30	...	2.96
Higher Inc Acc	631.30	671.60	+0.80	4.05
Higher Inc Inc	372.80	396.60	-0.40	4.05
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	176.90	188.80	+0.00	6.30
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	85.96	90.82	+0.42	6.30
Nth America	248.10	264.00	-2.10	...
Far East	363.30	386.50	-1.80	...
Europe	256.90	273.40	-0.80	0.97
Brit Excell	66.62	70.88	-0.07	3.24
Brit Fndmtls Acc	94.65	100.70	-0.31	5.09
Brit Fndmtls Inc	69.44	73.88	-0.23	5.09
Global Opps	80.01	85.12	-0.57	0.23
Balanced Acc	51.36	54.54	-0.04	3.01
Balanced Inc	50.21	53.42	-0.06	3.01
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	124.30	131.80	+0.40	6.07
High Inc Equity	151.40	161.90	-0.10	4.86
Worldwide Bond	255.80	271.40	-0.10	3.87
Capital Growth				
American Growth	272.60	290.40	-1.10	.78
Asian Pacific	349.90	372.20	-2.50	...
Assets & Earnings	246.40	262.10	-1.30	2.72
Comdty & Energy	121.50	129.30	-1.40	.22
Euro Capital Inc	124.10	132.70	-1.40	.73
General	208.40	221.20	-1.00	2.45
Japan	129.80	138.10	-0.50	...
Manertrust	137.30	146.80	-0.80	1.17
UK Growth Dist	116.80	124.90	-1.60	2.34
US Emerging Cos	125.70	134.40	-0.50	...
Income & Growth	358.00	380.90	-0.30	3.28
Ethical	66.02	70.23	-0.42	2.75
International	115.40	122.80	-0.50	.69
Dividend & Growth	57.42	61.08	-0.09	4.60
Global Gwth & Ser	65.62	69.95	-0.08	2.27
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.35	£17.03	-46.00	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	58.08	59.25	-0.08	0.83
Amer Inc & Growth	41.50	43.82	-0.02	0.71
Cash	50.17	50.17	+0.01	4.49
European	102.30	108.80	-0.70	...
Exempt	968.50	1030.37	-7.70	2.79
Extra Income	49.06	52.49	-0.17	4.53
Far East Emg Ecn	117.90	127.50	-0.30	0.49
Fixed Interest	21.78	23.25	-0.08	7.90
Fund Inv Tst	173.30	185.00	-0.90	0.91
Japan	189.30	201.50	-0.30	...
Latin American	76.71	81.77	-1.30	0.59
Pacific	74.14	79.39	-0.03	0.33
Property Share	63.95	68.27	-0.13	1.92
UK Emerging Cos	61.78	65.95	-0.32	1.88
Uk Growth	42.05	45.46	-0.12	2.57
World Growth	71.22	76.02	...	0.71
Ethical	59.03	63.01	-0.19	2.78
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	48.67	48.67	+0.21	6.70
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	92.94	98.87	-0.08	2.96
UK Equity Growth	83.01	88.31	+0.07	2.26
European	65.50	69.68	-0.10	0.86
Nth American	65.50	69.68	-0.28	1.18
Far Eastern	72.92	77.57	-0.34	0.55
Money	66.49	66.49	...	3.46
Fixed Interest	68.63	73.01	+0.39	6.86
Index Linked Gilt	63.72	67.79	...	1.36
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	65.17	69.34	-0.17	2.72
British Income	75.06	79.85	+0.09	3.44
Select Portfolio	85.16	90.60	-1.11	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.17	75.51	+0.02	2.48
Income Builder Inc	63.80	67.87	-0.09	2.91
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. IFA dlg: 0793 618 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	214.90	229.70	+1.80	3.56
Capital	384.80	411.30	+2.00	1.88
Balanced	642.10	686.40	+2.80	2.90
Accumulator	£11.63	£12.43	+8.00	3.16
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.18	48.29	-0.21	3.81
High Income	371.60	397.20	+1.90	3.88
Equity Income	210.00	224.40	+1.50	3.81
High Yield	230.70	246.60	+1.30	3.81
Govt Securities	31.44	33.20	-0.76	5.48
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	132.80	141.90	-0.20	0.42
European Growth	32.92	35.16	-0.24	0.09
International	155.60	166.30	-0.30	0.23
Japan	218.40	232.90	-0.50	0.01
Pacific	414.60	443.20	-3.00	0.02
Secs of America	389.10	414.00	-1.70	0.45
Wwide Asset Val	46.79	50.01	-0.21	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	489.20	522.90	+3.10	2.49
Conv & Gilt	41.90	44.79	+0.09	4.89
Smaller Cos	159.50	170.50	-1.10	1.33
2nd Smaller Cos	150.90	161.30	-1.10	1.26
Recovery	129.50	138.40	+0.50	1.89
Met Min & Cmdy	155.10	165.80	-1.00	0.84
Oseas Earnings	327.40	349.90	+1.70	2.10
Technology	151.10	161.50	+0.80	0.01
Uk Special Sits	419.70	448.60	+2.10	2.02
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Charcoal Our Pens	93.95	97.61	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	60.31	62.65	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
77 South Audley St, London W1Y 6DX 0171 600 0033				
Capital	66.46	70.70	-0.08	1.87
International	60.69	64.56	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	271.80	292.70	-4.80	...
Bond	104.70	110.20	+0.20	7.64
Brit Smlr Cos	95.79	101.90	-0.40	1.38
Conv & Gen	63.32	67.58	-0.10	5.49
Energy	419.40	449.00	-0.20	0.22
Europe	219.10	233.60	-1.00	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	101.70	108.50	-0.70	0.87
Income Gwth	322.90	345.70	-1.80	4.56
Japan	333.60	354.50	-1.50	...
Pacific	109.30	116.30	-1.10	0.74
UK Smllr Cos	49.95	53.14	-0.42	0.92
Japan Fd	759.90	782.50	-2.90	0.98
Mngd Fd	162.20	172.60	-0.10	3.13
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	275.60	290.20	-2.50	1.29
Capital Gwth	107.50	113.20	-1.10	2.36
Wwide Opps	179.50	189.00	+1.30	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	324.20	337.70	-0.80	2.95
European Bd Inc	87.08	90.15	-0.17	8.22
Exempt	69.63	74.28	+0.06	4.44
Financial	67.48	72.17	-0.18	2.87
500	427.60	457.30	-1.50	2.39
General	252.00	269.60	-0.20	2.77
Property	245.80	262.80	...	6.07
Trustee	169.00	180.70	+0.10	2.46
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00	...	4.57
Extra Income	108.60	116.10	-0.10	4.26
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.84	56.68	-0.02	9.0
Income	491.10	525.30	-0.40	4.22
Income Builder	59.20	62.98	...	5.0
Intl Income	61.17	65.07	-0.15	3.65
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	108.90	116.10	-0.10	2.76
Leisure	112.80	120.70	-1.0	1.31
Recovery	384.50	411.20	-0.90	2.56
Smllr Cos Inc	40.96	43.92	-0.27	1.88
Special Sits	259.60	277.70	-0.40	1.62
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.80	128.20	-0.60	0.65
Aust Acc	240.90	256.20	-0.10	2.05
Aust Inc	149.70	159.30	-0.10	2.05
Euro Gwth Inc	140.40	149.10	-1.20	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	185.80	196.70	-0.10	...
Japan Spec Sits	86.44	91.56	-0.33	...
Latin Tech Inc	76.99	81.82	-0.05	0.31
Worldwide	165.80	176.00	-0.50	0.60
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	86.76	92.16	-0.14	..
Amer Smllr Cos	120.10	128.00	-0.80	...
Cash Trust	50.18	50.18	...	4.10
Convertibles	53.90	57.64	-0.11	5.40
Eastern	289.10	311.10	-1.80	0.10
Equity Income	84.17	89.54	-0.09	5.00
European Growth	273.40	290.10	-1.10	1.00
Europe	208.40	222.50	-1.00	0.60
German Growth	67.08	71.36	-0.14	0.10
Global Bond	60.14	63.37	-0.02	5.90
Global Growth	120.60	128.90	-0.50	...
Japan Growth	210.20	224.20	-0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	186.00	197.90	+0.20	...
Korea Trust	87.47	97.04	+0.89	...
Portfolio	125.60	134.50	-0.10	1.60
Uk Growth	81.70	86.91	-0.30	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.22	91.14	-0.56	1.50
Select Managers	71.26	76.35	-0.30	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.59	81.48	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.29	59.88	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 4441				
Special Sits	169.30	181.10	-1.60	1.45
Dividend	79.29	84.90	+0.18	3.93
Inl Gth & Inc	204.20	218.40	-0.50	2.71
Uk & Gen	41.23	44.10	-0.30	1.54
Fund of Funds	63.09	67.48	-0.43	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	99.69	105.49	-0.06	1.78
Smaller Cos	98.93	104.69	-0.49	1.35
Higher Yield	41.59	44.01	-0.03	3.65
American Gth Inc	67.65	71.80	-0.47	...
European Growth	128.34	135.70	-0.95	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.75	27.19	+0.01	6.52
Mngd Ptflio Inc	40.64	43.01	-0.19	1.09
Jpn Spec Opps	114.05	120.69	-1.09	0.44
Pacific Grth	133.76	141.54	-0.62	...
Formerly LAS				
UK Special	72.23	76.43	+0.15	2.09
[illegible]	65.98	69.29	-0.35	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.34	93.21	+0.30	6.29
BURKAGE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7286				
Short Dated Gilt	63.23	64.05	+0.05	6.65
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	144.10	153.40	-0.80	1.72
UK Growth	153.40	163.20	...	2.45
UK Income	122.30	130.00	+0.10	4.88
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.00	185.50	-0.30	2.13
-do- Income Dist	102.20	108.30	...	4.62
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.25	40.54	+0.26	0.71
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
55 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	142.10	151.20	-1.10	...
European Inc	73.32	77.76	-0.29	0.40
Smaller Cos	77.37	82.31	-0.34	1.91
Growth	387.30	412.10	-0.70	2.45
Income & Growth	379.00	403.20	-0.50	4.12
Japan & Gen	75.42	80.08	-0.54	...
Master Portfolio	£99.73	£103.63	-8.00	2.00
Special Sits	89.53	95.25	-0.13	2.41
High Yield	£12.32	£12.71	+1.00	4.57
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	33.91	36.26	-0.47	0.28
Cash Income	50.52	50.52	...	5.04
European Gwth	37.57	40.04	-0.18	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.23	26.78	-0.30	4.59
Intnl Gwth	29.79	31.86	-0.15	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.40	30.37	-0.21	...
Managed Tst Inc	45.92	49.11	-0.18	1.04
Oriental Opps Inc	146.30	156.20	-2.70	...
Property Shares	37.71	40.33	-0.01	0.62
Smaller Cos	29.82	31.89	-0.50	1.60
UK Growth Tst	23.85	25.50	-0.24	2.45
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.61	73.37	-0.63	1.42
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.35	67.75	-0.38	2.59
Exempt (E)	28.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	134.10	143.40	-0.40	1.73
Foundation	87.03	93.08	-0.30	2.41
German	48.11	51.21	+0.03	...
High Income	69.91	74.76	-0.03	5.89
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	79.14	84.64	-0.35	4.17
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.39	83.67	+0.21	2.37
American Portfolio	83.09	89.46	+0.05	1.24
European Portfolio	88.84	94.68	-0.22	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	69.03	73.41	-0.25	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.02	152.71	-0.41	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	70.80	75.97	+0.21	3.68
Utility & Bond	53.61	56.16	+0.40	6.13
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	61.09	64.98	-0.12	3.08
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	131.34	142.83	...	...
UK Income	104.00	113.43	...	5.299
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	69.90	74.19	-0.86	2.25
Beck Bio-Tech	25.72	28.67	-1.21	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	152.39	160.41	...	1.32
City Fin Assets	67.41	71.71	...	1.10
City Fin America	80.53	84.77	...	...
City Fin Intl	75.54	79.52	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	123.51	182.64	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	215.74	226.83	...	1.54
Friars Hse Inc	193.30	205.64	...	3.95
Buckley Wrld Grth	133.72	142.26	...	0.08
Fairmont Cap Gth	138.77	146.07	-1.95	...
-do- Inc & Gth	104.75	110.26	-2.42	1.63
Fairmount Intl	156.32	164.55	-1.78	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	53.06	56.45	-2.0	4.36
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	58.01	61.55	-0.54	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.51	56.16	...	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.40	37.95	-0.16	0.37
Dragon Growth	71.67	76.65	-0.56	0.28
Equity High Inc	77.05	81.97	-0.16	4.16
European Gwth	47.27	50.29	+0.10	0.86
Evergreen	28.12	30.07	-0.11	...
General Equity	76.96	81.65	-0.12	2.67
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.13	24.44	+0.15	8.45
Japan Growth	53.27	57.03	...	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.13	50.14	-0.19	2.76
Ped Sm Cos Inc	29.85	31.76	-0.24	1.13
Retirement Inc	24.37	26.06	-0.05	5.83
Special Sits	35.40	37.86	-0.18	1.87
UK & Overseas	45.62	48.74	-0.20	1.14
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	61.52	65.79	+0.03	2.42
Income	56.11	60.01	+0.08	4.40
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	146.72	156.09	+0.02	5.74
Fixed & Convertible	38.13	40.56	-0.01	7.76
Monthly Inc Plus	46.16	49.11	-0.11	9.12
Preference Share	44.73	47.59	-0.06	7.21
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	114.57	121.88	-0.41	7.67
Managed Fund	63.36	67.40	+0.07	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.31	40.76	-0.14	1.66
UK & General	71.76	76.34	-0.12	2.51
UK Growth	128.78	137.00	-0.18	2.49
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	177.41	188.73	-0.36	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	135.37	144.01	-0.69	...
Global Bond	74.63	79.39	-0.07	6.59
Japan Growth	126.54	134.62	+0.12	...
North Amer Gth	147.68	157.11	-0.30	...
Oriental Growth	78.62	83.64	-0.81	...
Worldwide Growth	61.05	64.95	-0.08	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.48	91.48	+0.01	4.65
Homemaker Fund	73.09	77.66	-0.06	1.94
Quilter Fund	122.20	130.00	-0.39	3.01
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 949				
Growth Inc	54.72	58.21	+0.04	3.00
High Income	31.35	33.35	+0.03	4.50
Japan	36.94	39.29	-0.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.66	31.55	-0.15	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.11	33.09	-0.16	2.40
North American	31.20	33.19	-0.19	0.30
European	34.65	36.86	-0.02	0.40
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	28.90	31.03	-0.61	3.48
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.20	142.80	-1.60	2.05
Income	67.22	71.52	+0.02	5.17
European	57.95	61.65	...	0.97
Recovery	139.40	148.30	-0.40	1.88
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	769.50	783.40	...	4.08
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	66.17	70.39	-0.04	1.37
Income	222.60	236.80	-0.20	4.80
Smaller Cos	144.40	153.60	-0.50	0.50
Inv Portfolio	73.36	78.04	-0.13	1.53
High Income Port	63.77	67.84	-0.07	5.11
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 6177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.92	£15.29	-40.50	...
Japan Small Cos	£12.70	£12.96	-30.90	...
UK Small Cos	£17.20	£17.94	-45.50	...
US Small Cos	£15.39	£15.74	-44.50	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	201.60	212.20	...	2.53
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	254.50	269.20	-0.60	1.04
New Asia	220.10	236.20	-2.20	...
Japan Growth	127.60	136.70	-0.60	...
Jap Smllr Co	536.00	569.80	-3.60	...
Nth Amer	234.20	248.20	-2.20	0.96
Shiltd Asia Pac Mt	123.30	130.60	-1.40	0.34
UK Inc & Grth	197.20	210.70	-0.60	2.86
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	130.90	138.80	-0.30	1.93
UK High Inc Inc	140.30	149.30	-0.20	4.82
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.24	58.64	+0.17	5.35
Environmntl Opps	78.14	83.13	+0.02	1.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 040 526				
American	114.80	121.80	-0.70	1.44
Convertibles	20.12	21.38	-0.04	7.48
Equity Income	118.20	125.60	-0.90	4.32
EuroFund	42.31	44.98	-0.15	0.45
Financial	43.82	46.56	-0.19	1.72
Growth & Inc	216.40	229.90	-0.50	3.35
High Dist	145.00	154.10	-0.40	4.87
International	390.40	414.80	-1.80	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	91.38	97.56	-0.56	3.08
Latin American	49.06	52.13	-0.85	...
Pacific	90.30	95.94	-0.47	...
Preference Share	21.27	22.60	...	7.30
Tokyo	238.20	252.70	-0.90	...
UK Smaller Cos	216.50	230.00	-1.50	1.20
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	204.54	218.75	-8.69	1.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	193.70	206.10	-6.20	0.52
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	73.64	77.52	-0.13	1.81
Ethical Tst	43.72	46.02	-0.15	1.15
Far Eastern	305.87	323.02	-2.13	1.61
High Income	125.58	132.19	+0.91	4.89
Intl Growth	116.69	122.83	...	1.32
North American	103.52	108.97	+0.41	1.17
Pelican	107.83	113.51	-1.03	3.44
Smaller Cos	68.17	71.76	-0.12	2.26
Special Sits	84.64	89.09	...	2.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	179.39	188.83	+0.21	1.47
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	205.26	213.81	-1.97	1.39
Smaller Cos Acc	359.22	374.19	-3.46	1.39
Recovery	52.31	54.49	-0.26	1.19
Recovery Acc	52.44	54.62	-0.25	1.19
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	105.20	111.91	-0.05	6.00
Capital Growth	78.48	84.34	-0.53	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.98	46.81	-0.20	0.62
High Income	44.19	47.38	-0.09	9.71
Warrant	56.69	61.62	-1.58	...
Zero Preference	34.56	36.67	-0.03	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.92	76.51	-0.27	2.49
Family Income Tst	45.63	45.63	-0.02	5.72
Family Trust	83.91	89.27	...	1.09
United Charities	246.10	261.70	...	2.71
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161. Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	25.87	26.11	-0.01	8.25
Intl Bond	26.83	27.90	-0.08	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	24.00	25.89	-0.06	5.49
Income Plus	107.70	114.60	...	3.84
Amer Eq Inc	44.41	47.04	-0.17	1.00
European Income	40.46	43.05	-0.25	2.25
Far East Inc	61.41	65.38	-0.17	2.41
Global Convertible	22.23	23.72	-0.06	3.81
UK Div Gth	22.45	23.88	-0.02	1.34
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.07	71.55	-0.30	...
American	220.30	233.70	-0.50	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.60	112.70	-0.70	..
Japan Smaller Cos	42.89	45.75	-0.39	...
European	155.90	165.80	-0.70	..
European Opps	59.84	63.63	-0.12	...
Global Priv	23.47	24.91	-0.03	1.47
UK Growth	83.51	88.80	-0.14	..
Growth & Inc	138.60	147.40	-0.80	2.70
Intl PEP	34.61	36.80	-0.04	..
Japan Spec Sits	97.13	103.70	-0.40	...
Japan	200.60	214.10	-0.60	..
Managed Intl	262.10	279.30	-0.50	...
Moneybuilder	51.05	54.29	-0.19	..
Recovery	45.91	48.82	-0.04	...
South E Asia	152.00	162.20	-0.80	..
Special Sits	491.00	522.10	-0.60	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.60	106.60	+0.01	4.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	132.30	135.70	...	1.57
Inc Ptflio	81.46	83.04	-0.14	3.77
Cap Ptflio	138.30	141.10	-0.20	0.92
General Opps	117.40	119.50	...	3.48
Growth Inc	29.03	29.70	+0.02	1.71
Private Portfolio	378.90	387.50	...	1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.10	113.20	-0.20	0.48
Emrg Asian	175.60	188.00	+0.10	...
High Income	21.05	22.42	-0.06	10.04
Oseas Income	88.24	94.17	-0.26	3.22
UK Growth	102.90	110.00	-0.10	1.30
UK Income	99.62	106.40	+0.30	5.64
US Smaller Cos	278.30	297.60	-3.20	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.23	48.12	-0.04	3.50
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.97	78.69	-0.34	4.19
Intl Growth	70.63	75.14	...	1.20
Investment Trust	88.93	94.61	-0.51	..
UK Smaller Cos	74.88	79.66	-0.40	1.34
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.94	54.41	-0.25	...
(Accum Units)	50.94	54.41	-0.25	...
Amer Smllr Cos	436.60	466.90	-4.40	..
(Accum Units)	446.10	477.00	-4.50	..
Capital Tst	297.90	316.80	-2.20	1.57
(Accum Units)	425.30	452.30	-3.00	1.57
Cond Smllr Cos	56.66	61.12	-0.26	0.57
(Accum Units)	59.59	64.28	-0.26	0.57
Convertible	126.00	134.00	-0.50	5.58
(Accum Units)	248.50	264.30	-1.10	5.58
Emerging Markets	81.47	87.03	-0.85	...
(Accum Units)	81.53	87.10	-0.86	...
European	112.50	119.60	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	117.80	125.30	-0.90	...
Extra Income	313.50	333.40	-0.50	4.00
(Accum Units)	464.00	493.50	-0.70	4.00
Financial	114.70	123.40	-0.80	0.22
(Accum Units)	120.80	130.00	-0.70	0.22
Gilt Trust	58.58	60.42	-0.14	6.31
(Accum Units)	81.81	84.37	-0.20	6.31
Health Fund Inc	121.00	129.20	-0.70	...
(Accum Units)	121.00	129.20	-0.70	...
Income & Growth	180.60	192.10	-0.70	3.28
(Accum Units)	265.50	282.40	-1.10	3.28
Intl Growth	346.40	369.60	-1.70	...
(Accum Units)	384.60	410.40	-1.90	...
Japan & Gen	187.70	200.70	-1.20	...
(Accum Units)	189.60	202.70	-1.20	...
Managed Port Inc	100.20	105.40	-0.40	1.51
(Accum Units)	106.20	111.70	-0.50	1.51
Monthly Income	155.60	165.50	-0.40	4.02
Quarterly Income	50.21	53.40	-0.17	4.57
(Accum Units)	52.40	56.26	-0.19	4.57
Recovery	333.60	356.70	-1.90	0.11
(Accum Units)	342.70	419.90	-2.30	0.11
UK Growth	48.66	52.01	-0.07	2.93
(Accum Units)	50.34	53.80	-0.07	2.93
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Psmth. Dealing: 0705 881 330 Enqs: 0705 881 342				
FP Equity Dist	365.80	378.50	+0.30	3.23
-do- Accum	742.50	789.80	+0.50	3.23
FP Euro Gth Dist	131.10	139.40	-1.60	0.26
-do- Accum	136.30	145.00	-2.00	0.26
FP Fixed Int Dist	125.10	132.30	+0.20	7.38
-do- Accum	226.40	239.40	+0.30	7.38
FP Intl Gth Dist	90.09	95.84	-0.37	0.56
-do- Accum	94.00	99.99	-0.31	0.56
FP Nth Amer Dist	175.80	186.20	-0.30	0.86
-do- Accum	192.90	204.30	-0.30	0.86
FP Pac Basin Dist	317.10	337.30	-0.90	0.09
-do- Accum	323.60	344.20	-0.90	0.09
Stewardship Dist	314.20	334.20	-0.40	2.14
-do- Accum	380.00	404.20	-0.50	2.14
Stwdshp Inc Dist	69.60	74.04	-0.11	3.72
-do- Accum	88.94	94.61	-0.14	3.72
N Am Stdhp Dist	94.19	100.20	...	0.64
-do- Accum	99.83	106.20	...	0.64
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	104.10	110.70	-0.70	0.90
Open Cap Gth Acc	108.00	114.80	-0.80	0.0
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NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.00	43.61	-0.01	1.46
Australian	315.60	338.60	-0.60	0.0
Conscience	68.76	73.38	-0.20	0.44
European	186.30	198.10	-0.20	0.67
Extra Income	67.51	72.04	+0.07	6.16
Gth & FI	54.21	57.21	+0.31	6.48
Gold	56.77	61.04	-0.53	0.0
Income	51.57	55.00	+0.07	4.05
Intnl	31.81	33.94	-0.10	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	395.20	421.50	-0.60	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	274.70	294.50	-1.50	0.0
Smaller Cos	29.41	31.62	-0.21	0.59
Special Sits	33.62	36.14	+0.02	1.90
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30	...	4.80
Tokyo	91.04	97.10	-0.13	0.0
UK Equity	163.10	173.90	-0.50	2.23
US Smaller Cos	106.70	114.10	-1.30	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	220.50	233.10	-0.20	2.53
Cash	49.55	50.29	...	3.77
Growth Portfolio	75.72	80.27	-0.32	0.72
Income Portfolio	60.25	63.74	-0.34	4.63
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
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Amer Spec Sits	166.80	178.40	-1.80	..
European	528.60	565.40	-2.10	0.48
Far East & Gen	292.50	312.90	-0.20	...
Germany	113.40	120.60	-0.20	...
Income Inc	142.70	152.70	-0.30	4.63
International	335.30	358.70	-2.00	0.19
Intl Income	76.40	81.14	-0.38	4.25
Japan & General	416.00	442.40	+2.00	..
Korean Securities	79.23	84.74	+1.21	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	46.61	49.85	-0.16	4.77
UK Capital (Inc)	161.40	172.70	-1.20	1.01
UK Spec Sits	81.35	87.01	-0.41	0.65
US & General	129.00	137.30	-1.10	...
Wwide Spec Sits	153.50	164.20	-0.30	...
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Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421. Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.05	47.11	...	2.44
Cash Trust	134.78	134.78	+0.01	4.66
Practical Inv Inc	109.40	117.01	-0.20	3.35
UK Index	136.14	138.63	-0.05	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	113.13	120.98	-0.61	1.05
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.92	25.58	-0.02	9.42
High Income	31.35	33.53	+0.01	5.19
UK Equity Income	127.68	136.56	+0.05	3.91
Global Bond	26.63	27.99	+0.08	5.22
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	59.23	63.35	-0.31	...
Global Inc & Gth	129.06	137.35	-0.45	1.70
Gold & Intl Res	123.18	131.74	-0.66	..
Global Utilities	129.27	138.26	-0.49	0.86
Overseas Funds				
American	131.91	141.14	-0.88	0.92
European	91.02	96.63	-0.19	0.99
Euro Sel Opps	129.94	138.58	-0.42	...
Amer Emerging	91.73	98.11	-0.94	...
Hong Kong	143.07	153.02	-1.49	1.53
Japan	252.25	268.06	-1.10	...
Pacific Growth	231.97	248.10	+0.74	1.16
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	201.30	201.30	-0.16	1.97
Long Term Bal	218.74	218.74	+3.48	2.42
Med Term Bal	184.75	184.75	+0.03	3.26
UK Equity	220.48	220.48	+0.46	2.60
UK Emerging Cos	134.15	134.15	-0.79	2.15
American	216.04	216.04	-0.83	1.37
Japan	133.50	133.50	-0.29	...
European	232.70	237.70	-0.30	0.86
Index Linked Gilt	161.56	161.56	-0.01	3.10
Fixed Interest	147.72	147.72	+1.14	6.97
Amer Emergos	243.26	243.26	-2.16	...
Pacific	249.22	249.22	-0.93	0.78
Emerging Mkts	175.53	175.53	-2.04	0.30
Index Strat Japan	156.98	156.98	...	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	193.93	193.93	...	1.00
-do- Cont Europe	137.88	137.88	...	1.67
Index Strat USA	121.51	121.51	...	2.37
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.97	101.03	-0.08	..
Med Term Bal	87.75	93.35	+0.01	...
Long Term Bal	98.37	104.65	+1.66	...
UK Equity	101.83	108.33	+0.23	..
UK Emerging Cos	62.87	66.88	-0.39	...
American	100.17	106.57	-0.41	...
Japan	64.10	68.19	-0.15	...
European	98.83	105.14	-0.13	...
Fixed Interest	74.41	79.16	+0.61	..
Index Linked Gilts	71.63	76.20	-0.01	...
Deposit	78.84	83.87	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	118.81	125.06	-0.97	...
Berkeley Income	107.80	113.47	-0.33	2.25
BWH Intl	135.58	142.72	-0.90	0.60
Bridlif Gth Port Inc	58.23	61.46	-0.35	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.10	57.10	-0.23	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.22	55.11	-0.40	0.50
Shaw Utilities	55.75	58.84	-0.33	2.52
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd, 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	521.06	554.32	-7.44	0.86
European Inc	139.69	148.61	...	0.95
Amalgam Inc	145.38	153.92	...	...
N America Inc	309.89	329.67	-9.24	..
Far East Inc	367.45	390.90	...	...
UK Divid Inc	109.37	180.18	...	1.32
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.08	87.50	+0.23	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.41	48.57	-0.25	0.92
British Growth	49.07	51.91	-0.02	2.48
American Gwth	148.54	158.86	-1.25	..
Japan Gwth	81.96	87.55	+0.48	..
Greater China	197.68	211.42	-0.51	...
Pacific Strategy	176.05	188.03	-2.19	...
European Gwth	80.41	86.00	-1.16	0.12
Intl Growth	141.17	150.98	-1.01	...
US Index (E)	12.39	12.95	+0.05	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.53	74.78	-0.01	2.23
Monthly Income	37.21	39.79	-0.04	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	9.44	9.94	+0.05	3.80
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	89.97	95.72	-4.57	1.23
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GL 071 538 9445				
Cash	136.60	136.60	...	4.13
European	456.30	487.60	-3.30	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	121.10	126.50	+0.50	5.15
Growth Equity	309.70	330.80	-0.30	2.01
Income Trust	120.10	128.30	-0.10	3.21
International	175.80	187.80	-0.90	..
Japan Trust	132.00	141.00	-0.50	..
Nth American	245.20	261.90	-1.60	0.25
Pacific	564.00	603.10	-5.20	..
Guardbill	452.30	483.20	-0.50	2.05
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
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EMU Trust	96.59	100.22	-0.59	0.76
Global High Inc	96.62	100.49	-0.03	7.34
Prem Fixed Int	96.60	100.34	-0.22	8.57
Egy & Bond Inc	99.08	101.10	-0.49	5.20
European Growth	94.79	100.78	-1.02	...
Intl PEP Trust	56.96	60.58	-0.71	..
High Income	114.41	121.65	-0.21	4.16
Recovery	75.60	79.60	-1.40	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	121.22	123.08	-1.13	7.10
Tmp Bar Emer Co	245.00	260.50	-0.90	1.46
Tmp Br Sm Co In	361.10	367.50	-2.00	1.95
Glob Priv Tst	86.99	94.62	-0.95	1.27
Inc Share Tst	90.65	96.38	-0.74	8.24
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	189.60	201.20	-0.20	2.71
Smaller Cos	33.46	35.62	-0.21	0.84
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UK Funds				
Special Sits	280.52	300.15	...	1.45
Best of British	59.38	63.12	...	2.74
UK Smaller Cos	120.56	129.60	...	1.71
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	259.38	276.22	...	3.34
High Income	304.96	326.00	...	4.06
Extra Income	259.29	275.79	...	5.26
Pref & Gilt	43.59	46.85	...	9.46
International				
International	266.39	282.87	...	0.09
Global Bond	49.85	53.06	...	5.77
Family of Funds	90.13	95.74	...	0.25
Global Tech	139.13	148.79	...	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	189.69	202.85	...	..
European	439.91	466.90	...	0.52
European Income	76.66	81.27	...	2.74
Euro Smlr Cos	143.16	153.65	...	0.06
Eur Sp Sits	66.47	73.71	...	0.13
Japan Trust	231.36	245.95	...	..
Japan Special Sits	259.17	275.44	...	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	277.98	296.72	...	..
North American	220.58	234.36	...	0.57
American Smaller	98.62	105.42	...	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	51.85	54.96	-0.57	
Eur Sp Sits	57.15	60.57	-0.15	
General Growth	39.91	42.30	-0.04	
Global Tech	54.13	57.37	-0.31	
Income Growth	39.41	41.77	-0.05	
Japan Growth	28.26	29.95	-0.04	
Overseas Growth	38.58	40.89	-0.16	
Smaller Cos	21.44	22.72	-0.16	
Special Opps	28.51	30.22	-0.08	
Wwide Sp Sits	48.13	51.01	-0.25	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.69	98.06	-0.46	1.85
Capital	163.40	174.70	-0.50	1.52
Dollar	319.00	340.10	-2.20	..
European	217.10	232.10	-1.60	..
Far East	330.50	353.40	-3.60	0.14
Financial	756.50	808.00	-4.20	1.37
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.41	25.38	-0.03	7.96
High Yield	98.76	105.50	-0.30	4.31
Income & Growth	133.70	142.90	-0.30	3.61
International	245.60	262.68	-1.30	..
Japanese General	213.60	226.40	-0.70	..
Japan Tech	87.18	94.21	-0.09	..
Nat Resources	77.74	83.14	-0.81	..
Portfolio	68.33	73.08	-0.26	1.51
Security	332.60	323.60	-0.40	1.51
Smaller Cos	120.80	129.10	-0.40	1.10
Special Sits	139.60	149.30	-0.50	1.57
UK Emerging Cos	87.19	93.25	-0.35	0.54
US Smaller Cos	70.66	75.56	-0.66	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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UK Funds				
Capital	537.90	574.10	-0.50	2.21
Income	518.60	553.50	-0.10	4.14
Footsie Fund	49.45	52.33	-0.01	2.76
Trade Index	107.20	114.40	-0.30	1.91
UK Index	129.10	137.80	-0.10	3.15



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Eurotrack 100	144.20	153.40	-0.30	1.13
Global Bond	20.16	21.27	-0.02	7.23
Japan Growth	298.60	318.40	-0.70	...
Japan Index	82.86	88.41	-0.37	0.09
Japan Smllr Cos	38.87	41.48	-0.23	..
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	59.12	63.09	-0.31	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	103.30	110.20	-0.50	0.75
Spore & Mlysn Gth	83.45	89.06	+1.24	...
Tiger Index	215.30	229.80	-2.20	0.21
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
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UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.54	29.62	-0.24	0.82
General Funds				
Managed	68.31	70.90	-0.19	2.49
Rupert Child Fnd	78.26	81.23	-0.01	2.26
UK Growth	55.77	57.88	-0.05	2.44
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.27	50.27	+0.01	4.03
Cashbox (Acc)	58.38	58.38	...	4.03
UK Extra Inc	59.75	62.78	+0.12	5.51
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.99	25.77	+0.04	8.43
UK Inc & Gwth	37.92	39.36	-0.06	3.21
UK Income	312.50	324.30	+0.20	3.58
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.05	48.79	-0.32	.
Amer Smllr Cos	101.40	105.20	-1.30	.
(Accum Units)	102.50	106.30	-1.70	..
Europe Gth	144.40	149.50	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	149.20	154.50	-1.00	..
Euro Smaller Cos	27.77	28.82	-0.26	..
French Growth	73.33	76.10	-0.76	..
Accum Units	78.55	81.53	-0.81	...
H Kong & China	87.40	90.72	-0.76	1.51
Intl Growth	55.88	58.00	-0.21	0.35
Accum Units	56.15	58.28	-0.22	0.35
Japan Gth	35.75	37.10	-0.19	...
Accum Units	35.75	37.10	-0.19	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.28	47.00	-0.18	...
Glob Emg Mkts	118.60	123.10	-0.90	..
Accum Units	119.50	124.00	-0.90	..
SE Asia	341.10	354.00	-1.50	0.22
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.71	51.26	-0.07	5.21
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	136.50	145.20	-2.40	..
Income	137.82	146.61	-0.20	4.08
UK Growth	51.33	54.60	-0.26	0.96
International	84.65	90.04	-0.91	0.25
Ecology	76.42	81.29	-0.47	1.32
European	112.87	120.03	-1.19	..
Far Eastern	336.00	357.40	-1.50	..
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10 Fenchurch Street London EC3. Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.14	50.15	+0.30	7.06
Gilt Yield	110.50	116.60	+0.40	7.12
Global Income	210.70	224.20	-0.85	4.06
High Yield	129.20	137.50	-1.15	6.41
Smllr Cos Div	50.92	54.17	-0.29	2.93
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.83	93.44	-1.12	..
North American	71.40	75.96	-0.17	0.26
European Special	91.71	97.60	-0.77	0.15
European	144.10	153.30	-0.10	0.39
General	252.10	268.20	-0.30	3.36
Japan	436.70	464.60	-2.50	...
Japanese Special	265.30	282.20	-1.20	..
Master Accum	230.50	245.20	-0.70	1.87
Pacific	347.70	369.90	-1.70	..
Smaller Cos	107.90	114.80	-0.70	0.56
UK Equity Growth	38.78	41.25	-0.21	1.64
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 8LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	60.50	64.36	-0.18	..
Inv Trust	65.60	69.78	-0.30	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.84	59.40	-0.17	0.80
High Inc Acc	51.78	55.09	+0.02	3.40
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	577.30	589.10	...	5.51
Intl & General	411.40	419.80	...	...
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	250.64	266.64	+0.12	5.61
Inc & Growth Inc	53.10	56.49	-0.08	4.66
Smaller Cos	53.82	56.96	-0.34	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	231.30	246.50	-0.90	2.21
High Income	102.50	109.00	-0.10	4.43
International	97.74	104.00	-0.80	0.58
Recovery Trust	60.42	64.28	+0.01	1.58
European Trust	79.20	84.20	-0.36	1.04
Japanese Trust	45.69	48.61	-0.22	..
American Trust	81.27	86.46	-0.56	..
Managed	65.26	69.47	-0.26	0.55
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.17
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0816				
UK Cap	[illegible]	41.50	-2.00	2.47
UK Inc Gth	[illegible]	57.60	-2.10	[illegible]
UK Income	265.40	269.70	-1.00	3.81
UK Sm Cos	211.10	239.70	-2.00	1.79
Euro Gwth	115.40	116.30	-2.50	..
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	72.41	[illegible]	0.12
Japan Growth	64.52	70.25	[illegible]	
Money Mkt	120.62	127.62		2.20
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 795				
Equity Dist	475.30	496.39	-0.80	2.70
Equity Income	92.72	99.04	-0.09	4.76
UK Tactical Allocn	52.50	55.75	-1.25	2.82
European	107.00	113.80	-0.50	0.86
Far Eastern	245.50	261.20	-1.20	..
Fixed Interest	48.19	51.27	+0.08	7.12
Gilt	55.71	58.77	-1.46	5.42
Global Growth	77.46	82.36	-0.26	0.11
Intl Bond	44.22	52.27	-0.08	5.17
Japanese	79.66	84.77	-0.04	..
North American	140.00	148.90	-0.80	0.71
Pacific Growth	121.00	128.70	-0.50	..
UK Index	57.64	61.15	-0.88	3.21
UK Recovery	86.73	92.27	-0.30	1.76
UK Smaller Cos	117.60	125.30	-0.50	1.54
US Index	55.18	58.24	-0.11	1.56
European Index	65.15	71.71	-0.11	1.50
Japan Index	43.22	45.62	-0.21	..
Worldwide	62.10	67.34	-0.24	1.34
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.31	50.28	-0.09	1.89
Income	56.54	60.43	-0.04	2.95
Far East	57.07	61.04	-0.05	..
North American	50.22	49.48	-0.12	..
Global	89.51	95.76	-0.35	0.12
European	82.50	88.27	-1.24	0.34
Japan	114.30	122.29	-0.60	..
Intl Currency Bd	54.54	58.15	-0.16	4.43
SE Asia	116.20	124.30	-0.30	0.30
UK Cap Growth	86.81	92.89	-0.54	1.63
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB. Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	323.20	343.90	-0.30	2.94
-do- Acc	725.20	771.50	-0.22	2.94
Contl Euro Gth	59.13	62.25	-1.54	0.84
-do- Acc	62.96	66.31	-1.43	0.84
Extra Inc	244.50	260.20	+0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	620.70	660.40	+0.40	4.16
German Gth	117.60	124.00	-2.00	0.20
-do- Acc	123.50	130.00	-2.20	0.20
Growth Port	517.30	551.10	+0.40	0.19
-do- Acc	525.60	560.30	+0.40	0.19
Income	464.43	494.40	-0.10	3.44
-do- Acc	£12.26	£13.07	...	3.44
Income Port	490.90	522.30	-3.90	4.55
-do- Acc	511.10	543.90	-3.90	4.55
Japan Growth	109.40	117.00	-1.50	
-do- Acc	110.30	117.40	-1.50	
Master Trust	55.24	58.77	-0.21	1.49
-do- Acc	51.67	[illegible]	-0.22	1.49
N American Gen	169.00	179.80	-0.40	
-do- Acc	195.20	207.70	-0.20	
NAm Sm Co Rec	130.70	139.10	-0.70	
-do- Acc	132.30	141.30	-0.60	
Pacific Basin	269.80	287.10	-2.80	0.04
-do- Acc	286.30	304.50	-3.10	0.04
Small Cos Rec	340.30	361.20	-2.30	2.04
-do- Acc	454.30	478.30	-3.00	2.04
UK Growth	53.36	55.60	+1.00	2.57
-do- Acc	[illegible]	102.90	+1.20	2.57
Worldwide Gth	299.40	329.20	-2.30	0.36
-do- Acc	456.50	485.70	-3.30	0.36
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 875				
American	61.95	66.47	-0.35	0.11
General	81.65	87.60	-0.02	2.61
Income	62.06	66.59	...	5.50
International	63.20	67.91	-0.36	0.40
Japan	60.55	65.07	-0.26	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.98	71.66	-0.36	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	377.90	394.60	-2.10	0.69
(Accum Units)	469.00	496.00	-2.60	0.69
Amer Recovery	433.50	456.40	-5.50	0.36
(Accum Units)	496.90	525.40	-6.30	0.36
Amer Smllr Cos	122.70	129.80	-1.60	
(Accum Units)	125.40	132.60	-1.60	..
Australasian	163.40	172.80	-1.20	1.80
(Accum Units)	198.10	209.41	-1.40	1.80
Capital	784.90	829.90	-2.00	2.35
(Accum Units)	891.60	942.80	-2.40	2.35
Charifund	656.20	662.80	+0.90	5.76
(Accum Units)	£29.77	£30.07	+4.10	5.76
Commodity	408.10	431.60	-3.10	0.25
(Accum Units)	598.40	632.80	-3.10	0.25
Compound Grth	891.90	943.20	-4.10	2.63
(Accum Units)	923.00	976.10	-4.30	2.63
Dividend	38.10	40.30	...	4.50
(Accum Units)	156.40	165.70	-0.10	4.50
Equity Income	334.70	353.90	-0.30	4.97
(Accum Units)	426.00	450.50	-0.50	4.97
Euro & General	481.40	509.10	-8.30	0.48
(Accum Units)	607.70	642.70	-10.40	0.48
Euro Dividend	65.40	69.20	-0.90	3.63
(Accum Units)	76.00	82.50	-1.10	3.63
Extra Yield	386.90	411.30	+0.60	4.93
(Accum Units)	£12.07	£12.76	+1.80	4.93
Far Eastern	373.80	395.30	-1.60	0.51
(Accum Units)	495.20	523.70	-2.10	0.51
Fund of Inv Tsts	593.70	627.80	-2.80	1.73
(Accum Units)	£11.00	£11.64	-5.20	1.73
General	57.10	60.40	...	3.46
(Accum Units)	157.40	166.60	...	3.86
Gilt Income	57.42	57.52	+0.03	7.80
(Accum Units)	154.75	155.04	+0.08	7.80
Gold	75.00	79.30	-1.00	0.48
(Accum Units)	88.60	93.60	-1.20	0.46
High Income	27.10	28.70	...	4.77
(Accum Units)	106.70	112.90	-0.10	4.77
Intl Growth	76.30	80.60	-0.80	0.98
(Accum Units)	132.70	140.50	-1.30	0.98
International Inc	97.50	103.10	-0.60	4.49
(Accum Units)	140.90	148.90	-0.90	4.49
Japan & Gen	49.90	52.90	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	53.60	56.70	-0.20	
Japan Smllr Cos	179.20	189.50	-1.40	
(Accum Units)	180.50	190.90	-1.30	..
Managed Income	26.30	27.60	...	4.09
Midland	61.70	65.20	-0.30	2.89
(Accum Units)	202.80	214.60	-0.70	2.89
Pension Ex	877.90	899.90	-9.80	4.43
Recovery	39.60	41.90	...	2.62
(Accum Units)	64.40	68.10	-0.10	2.62
Second General	66.90	70.60	-0.40	3.55
(Accum Units)	170.50	180.20	-0.90	3.55
Smaller Cos	66.40	70.20	-0.30	3.00
(Accum Units)	130.40	137.60	-0.60	3.00
Treasury	24.98	25.02	...	5.03
Trustee	40.50	42.80	...	4.51
(Accum Units)	159.40	169.30	...	4.51
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing. Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.68	80.51	-0.15	0.72
Intl Bond	59.60	62.96	-0.20	6.30
Intl Equity Growth	68.31	72.67	-0.10	0.45
N Amer Growth	88.85	94.52	-0.31	0.90
Special Sits Growth	20.36	21.65	-0.04	1.71
UK Growth	346.40	368.50	-0.70	2.80
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian 01620 825867				
Joint Investors	£12.64	£12.67	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60	...	4.39
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage. Dealings 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	182.60	195.30	+0.10	2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	160.30	168.90	-0.50	7.02
Intl Growth	205.90	219.30	-1.10	0.18
North American	172.90	184.60	-1.10	0.39
Far East	281.60	301.30	-1.30	0.84
Uk Smaller Cos	164.00	175.40	-0.90	1.63
European	76.68	81.88	-0.78	0.13
Japanese Growth	50.78	53.94	+0.02	
High Income	174.40	186.50	+0.04	4.80
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 418, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptfolio	142.40	151.40	-0.07	2.15
-do- Accum	162.20	172.50	-0.07	2.13
UK Sel Ptfolio	121.50	129.30	-0.08	2.32
-do- Accum	139.70	148.60	-0.08	2.32
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	61.30	65.21	-0.93	4.32
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.32	72.53	-0.20	4.54
European	75.92	80.54	-0.35	0.44
Income & Growth	69.46	73.74	-0.05	2.93
Nth American	56.80	60.30	-0.45	0.67
Far East	176.30	187.20	-0.31	..
Japan	59.65	63.32	-0.23	...
Emrging Mkts	116.00	124.10	-3.00	...
Intl Growth	108.40	115.10	-0.60	0.21
UK Growth	83.96	89.13	+1.0	0.83
UK Smlr Co	44.31	47.14	-0.28	0.56
Asian Opps Fd	41.79	44.60	-0.16	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	383.70	408.19	-0.78	3.50
Global Inc	62.21	66.18	-0.19	2.51
Brit Leaders	316.90	337.13	-0.10	2.12
Intl Leaders	187.30	199.35	-0.76	0.6c
PAM Mg Bal Gnth	62.71	65.15	-0.42	0.68
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS. Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
British Blue Chip	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Cash	100.45	[illegible]		5.12
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Emerging Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Gold & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Govt Securities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Inc Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
International	446.50	477.90	-2.00	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
New Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Portfolio	73.92	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.56
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	106.45	113.43	[illegible]	0.93
Portfolio	64.59	68.52	[illegible]	0.67
UK Income Inc	73.64	78.39	[illegible]	4.97
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Dearne Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	87.22	[illegible]	-0.05	2.96
(Accum Units)	60.27	64.47	-0.02	2.96
British Tst	77.61	82.71	-0.12	2.62
(Accum Units)	89.23	95.47	-0.12	2.62
Extra High Inc	64.36	68.77	-0.06	6.72
(Accum Units)	122.50	131.12	-0.16	6.72
FT-SE 100 Acc	49.22	52.57	-0.02	2.60
FT-SE 100 Dist	49.63	52.67	-0.02	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
High Yield	212.60	227.40	...	5.89
(Accum Units)	519.50	555.60	...	5.49
Income	222.12	237.30	+2.40	3.51
(Accum Units)	592.26	623.12	+5.30	3.51
Money Market UT	49.50	49.50	...	3.66
(Accum Units)	73.49	73.49	...	3.66
Monthly Income	79.06	85.52	-0.12	6.28
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	92.17	98.27	-0.12	2.30
European Growth	104.52	111.32	-0.70	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	50.19	53.13	-0.52	6.52
Income	79.25	84.42	-1.20	3.73
Japan Growth	56.12	59.51	-0.15	..
Managed	62.20	66.30	-0.24	2.57
Money Market	55.34	55.34	...	4.44
North American	44.24	47.25	-0.92	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	53.91	57.35	-0.12	2.56
European Growth	[illegible]	51.50	-0.40	0.02
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.40	51.52	-0.49	6.49
Income	77.88	82.93	-1.21	3.50
Japan Growth	57.42	61.06	-0.15	..
Managed	62.26	66.24	-0.24	2.51
Money Market	55.34	55.34	...	4.34
North American	45.60	47.51	-0.93	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	92.58	98.34	-0.12	2.55
European Growth	48.25	51.51	-0.70	0.02
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.25	53.56	-0.46	6.52
Income	77.41	82.52	-1.21	3.51
Japan Growth	57.12	60.24	-0.15	..
Managed	62.24	66.21	-0.24	2.50
Money Market	55.34	55.34	...	4.45
North American	44.91	47.51	-0.92	0.50
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (L.S$)	12.55	13.36		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	304.70	323.61	-1.50	..
European Grb Inc	405.40	435.20	-6.10	0.29
Intl Gwth	191.30	203.91	-1.40	..
UK Equity Inc	166.30	179.60	+0.10	3.27
UK Inst Trckr Inc	145.10	155.70	...	2.44
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	182.60	193.80	-0.20	1.48
Japan Tracker	79.12	83.61	-0.25	..
Asian Trader	217.60	234.60	-0.90	0.27
Managed Inc	149.30	159.70	-0.30	1.50
Deposit Inc	99.90	99.90	...	4.09
Europa	174.40	189.50	-0.10	0.26
Genesis	149.30	164.10	-0.80	2.30
High Income	21.09	22.41	+0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	89.93	91.94	-0.19	2.35
Acumen Inc	65.12	70.02	-1.15	2.35
Acumen Reserve	75.87	79.66	-0.13	8.48
-do- Inc	68.83	69.52	-1.18	8.48
Americas Growth	160.90	165.60	-1.50	0.93
Cash Income	49.79	49.79	...	4.90
Equity Income	88.85	91.26	-0.06	4.73
European	68.35	69.88	-0.58	..
Smaller Cos	75.06	78.67	-0.44	1.11
Olympiad	66.77	68.40	-0.56	..
Global Bond	41.66	42.15	-0.02	6.60
UK Growth	98.67	99.12	-0.08	1.97
Pacific Growth	118.10	122.00	-0.20	..
Japan Growth	100.40	102.00	-0.20	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	113.56	120.61	+0.13	2.96
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	69.68	74.13	-1.05	2.16
UK Income	102.40	109.00	...	4.02
Gilt & Fixed Int	65.21	69.01	+0.17	6.66
Higher Income	208.00	221.30	-0.20	4.98
Smaller Cos	76.56	81.45	-0.50	2.05
International	93.24	99.20	-0.02	1.41
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	99.51	105.43	-0.87	..
European Dist	103.40	110.60	-0.30	..
Far East Dist	193.60	206.00	-0.00	..
Global Care Dist	64.39	68.97	-0.39	1.75
Oseas Dist	£10.11	£10.51	-4.50	0.07
UK Dist	321.50	343.80	-0.30	2.79
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.60	77.86	-0.07	3.96
Wwide Dist	103.30	110.40	-0.60	0.01
Wwide Inc Dist	67.73	72.41	-0.21	2.12
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.56	63.92	-0.17	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	56.46	59.99	-0.14	0.87
North America Inc	46.76	49.35	-0.46	0.53
UK Equity Grh Inc	55.60	58.66	-0.19	2.13
UK General Inc	53.45	56.44	-0.13	2.16
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	44.62	46.99	-0.16	7.47
UK Income Inc	54.23	57.24	-0.11	3.14
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR. Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 440 000. Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	215.93	229.12	-0.90	3.55
Global	336.39	359.99	-3.41	0.71
General	180.43	192.16	-1.13	1.81
Bond	111.37	118.24	-0.23	6.26
Growth	116.44	123.87	-0.26	2.43
Intrepid	120.14	125.15	...	1.53
Bridge Fund	63.25	68.57		
Distributor	86.01	91.50	-0.14	3.26
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.27	123.68	-0.34	2.01
UK Equity	129.17	137.42	+0.09	3.21
UK Equity Income	124.15	132.07	-0.14	3.54
UK Smaller Cos	113.37	120.61	-0.62	1.51
UK Equity Growth	119.95	127.61	-0.18	2.38
UK Index Trcke	129.23	137.47	-1.61	3.67
Intl Index Trckg	138.25	147.18	-0.42	1.11
International	227.52	242.04	-0.89	0.43
European	183.48	195.19	-0.94	0.38
Pan European	123.49	131.37	-0.45	1.49
Nth American	155.02	164.92	-0.76	0.53
N Amer Smlr Cos	173.66	184.74	-1.43	...
Japanese	99.61	105.97	-0.43	..
Pacific	244.50	260.11	-0.85	0.06
South East Asian	271.51	288.84	-0.95	0.25
Intl Bond	123.20	130.97	+0.05	4.89
Gilt & Convertible	99.92	106.21	+0.05	6.49
Property	86.00	90.32	-0.06	5.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	226.40	240.80	-0.10	2.63
Growth	146.40	154.10	-0.30	2.71
Income	221.70	235.80	...	3.90
Intl Equity	240.70	256.00	-1.20	0.86
UK Income	61.94	65.89	+0.03	3.52
UK Intl 25	74.86	79.63	-0.10	2.05
New Europe	74.54	79.30	-0.71	0.34
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	589.62	630.83	-2.36	0.40
Income	314.90	336.87	-2.46	3.40
Wwide Recovery	374.24	400.26	-0.69	0.25
Amer Growth Inc	210.22	224.84	-0.20	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	243.73	260.66	-1.71	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	297.11	317.77	-1.68	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	133.26	142.53	-0.06	0.63
UK Growth Inc	91.89	97.58	+0.40	2.77
High Income	87.89	94.01	-0.60	4.16
Jap Gwth Inc	238.44	254.07	-1.66	0.01
PEP Growth	114.61	122.58	-0.16	0.68
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	132.79	142.05	-2.16	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	126.15	134.96	-0.46	0.01
Global Bond	51.18	54.96	-0.14	6.55
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.43	81.75	-0.19	1.10
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	99.45	105.80	-1.62	..
European	67.93	72.27	-0.41	...
Global	66.91	71.18	-0.42	..
Pacific	66.41	70.65	-0.45	..
UK Inc & Grth	61.96	65.94	-0.25	2.16
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BEI Director Digs	95.72	101.94	-1.72	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	157.10	165.37	...	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	55.97	59.32	-0.16	2.50
Growth Income	59.46	63.02	-0.14	2.14
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.10	132.03	-0.56	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD. Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	89.74	95.47	-0.43	3.57
Conv & Gilt	109.20	116.20	...	6.29
European Income	70.09	74.57	-0.39	2.93
Extra Income	140.50	149.40	-0.40	4.05
Far East	420.70	447.50	-2.60	0.25
Global Income	24.51	26.08	-0.04	4.72
High Income	111.10	118.20	-0.10	3.61
International	207.60	220.80	-1.40	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	40.47	42.01	-0.63	7.59
Recovery	71.36	75.95	-0.04	2.51
Special Sits	101.70	108.30	-0.90	1.29
Technology	317.60	337.90	-3.10	..
UK Blue Chip	64.26	68.39	-0.42	3.02
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	49.54	52.70	-0.03	2.36
International	97.45	103.03	-0.06	0.76
Gilt	34.00	34.74	+0.14	6.61
Income & Gwth	64.62	68.66	-0.11	5.60
European	48.21	51.41	+0.02	0.45
American	50.32	53.53	-0.25	..
Emerging Mkts	96.13	96.20	-0.63	0.05
UK Smaller Co	27.51	29.27	-0.19	2.30
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.25	25.62	-0.01	7.06
Global PEP	37.51	39.93	-0.22	1.23
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	256.30	276.00	-1.10	0.92
Japan Inc	111.60	119.40	-0.40	..
Nth American Inc	105.70	112.10	-0.90	0.12
Worldwide Inc	162.00	174.30	-1.10	0.74
Hong Kong Inc	141.80	152.30	-0.40	0.82
Swiss Equities Inc	63.21	67.64	-0.10	0.37
Wwide Bond Inc	58.14	61.47	-0.07	5.04
Emrging Asia Inc	236.50	257.60	-0.40	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.32	50.32	-0.01	4.95
Thailand Inc	169.30	182.66	-1.80	0.71
Gold Trust Inc	67.38	69.29	-0.04	0.15
New Zealand Inc	79.97	86.27	-1.27	1.25
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.65	67.35	-0.30	1.75
Latin Am Cmp Inc	93.32	100.50	-1.40	0.03
UK All Sh Mrr Inc	54.64	58.67	-0.05	2.26
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	79.65	85.19	-0.44	1.50
Global Portfolio	72.18	77.20	-0.73	
Global Opps	74.21	79.37	-0.44	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	66.60	70.63	-0.26	1.94
AAM Global Equity	53.54	56.90	-0.18	0.75
CAM Ent Gwth Inc	82.09	88.15	-0.10	1.00
CAM Int Recv Inc	45.27	47.57	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	42.60	46.60	-0.13	3.06
Hartley Growth	70.36	74.56	-0.36	0.60
Intl Growth Inc	84.96	90.89	-0.24	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	46.46	49.45	-0.06	0.22
St Jms Nth Inc Inc	45.87	47.27	-0.05	2.72
Premier Perfrs Inc	67.61	72.31	-0.19	0.44
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.61	78.73	-0.58	0.34
Tech Analysis	95.04	101.80	-0.50	0.51
Poseney Growth	51.10	56.32	-1.04	
International Strat	39.00	44.49	-0.63	
UTC Indian Gth	53.47	57.50	-0.36	
[illegible]	51.66	55.97	-0.42	
Prem Equity Inc	106.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.57	46.92	-0.06	1.25
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	161.50	171.80	-0.10	1.46
European Gth	94.06	99.87	-2.33	0.17
Income & Gth	126.30	134.40	-0.10	3.06
Japan Gth	125.90	137.30	-0.80	..
Nth Amer Gth	110.00	117.00	-1.10	0.16
Overseas Gth	88.04	93.56	-1.12	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.14	37.58	-0.12	1.46
Cash Haven Inc	101.29	101.29	...	4.02
Cash Haven Acc	110.06	110.56	-0.01	4.62
Dist Trust Inc	91.94	97.79	-0.10	4.71
Dist Trust Acc	92.46	98.82	-0.10	4.71
Global Growth	84.09	89.92	-0.17	1.24
Equity Inc	79.24	83.67	-0.09	2.72
Equity	676.10	723.10	-0.06	2.35
European	196.39	208.92	-0.85	0.75
High Income	83.36	89.17	-0.03	5.22
Intl Grth	171.99	183.94	-0.77	1.05
Intl Sm Co	74.74	79.93	-0.50	0.25
Japanese	227.53	243.34	-0.96	
Nth Amer	153.04	164.12	-0.76	1.29
Pacific Mkts	106.04	113.41	-0.36	0.31
Premier Inc	45.93	47.76	-0.19	5.13
Sml Co	83.18	88.96	-0.51	1.14
Spec Sits	101.11	108.13	-0.02	2.26
UT Growth	112.47	120.29	-0.01	2.37
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	281.10	298.20	-0.10	3.50
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2656				
Managed	91.12	96.68	...	2.21
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4. Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	484.33	515.65	-3.97	0.39
FA America (Acc)	566.24	602.84	-4.65	0.39
FA UK Equity Inc	148.88	158.94	-0.01	3.53
FA Japan	272.46	290.30	-1.76	..
FA Major UK Cos	89.12	95.06	...	2.32
FA Smllr UK Cos	280.24	304.93	-1.56	1.12
FA European	305.95	325.10	-3.12	0.41
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.14	45.29	-0.35	..
FA Asia	51.19	54.90	-0.25	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.83	60.86	-0.04	..
RAM Personal Pension				
Uk Major Cos	89.21	93.90	...	...
UK Smllr Cos	80.35	84.57	-0.43	..
UK Income	87.64	92.24	-0.03	
America	97.21	102.32	-0.79	
Japanese	99.92	103.07	-0.36	..
European	97.86	103.00	-0.99	..
Gilt	82.34	86.67	-0.36	
Deposit	81.91	86.22	-0.01	..
Managed	93.34	98.25	-0.13	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	86.93	91.50		
UK Smaller Cos	79.56	82.69	-0.42	
UK Income	85.56	90.06	-0.01	
America	94.69	99.67	-0.76	
Japanese	58.39	61.46	-0.36	
European	95.39	100.40	-0.96	
Gilt	81.45	85.73	-0.29	
Deposit	78.04	82.14	-0.01	
Managed	88.05	92.71	-0.13	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE. Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	71.23	76.03	-0.67	0.11
Pacific Basin	84.41	90.73	-0.40	
High Inc Dist	119.70	128.00	-0.30	5.21
Ryl Life Intl Cury	56.12	59.69	-0.01	3.98
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.80	70.39	-0.33	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.21	67.23	-0.53	..
Uk Emerging Cos	122.60	132.50	-0.50	1.16
UK Index Trckg	153.50	163.50	-3.60	3.37
European	121.30	130.00	-1.50	0.29
Managed	139.50	150.00	-1.00	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	137.10	145.10	-1.50	0.30
European Growth	105.10	111.10	-2.20	0.40
Far East Growth	140.80	149.80	-1.10	0.11
Japan Growth	143.30	152.40	-0.50	..
Special Sits	184.40	196.10	-1.80	1.51
UK Growth	70.97	75.49	-1.05	2.50
Triton General	230.20	244.90	-3.00	0.62
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	180.40	190.90	-1.00	0.08
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.20	356.80	-0.90	0.56
Growth Inc	130.00	137.60	-0.10	0.38
International Inc	333.60	353.00	-2.30	0.20
Nth Am & Intl Inc	307.30	325.20	-2.20	0.04
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.20	224.60	-0.40	1.46
UK High Inc Inc	127.20	134.60	-0.30	4.03
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.02	65.96	-0.28	.
Amer Smllr Cos	76.74	81.93	-0.71	
Asian Gwth	117.04	124.50	-1.36	0.75
European Gwth	65.45	69.63	-0.33	1.00
Global Bd	56.90	60.15	-0.01	5.00
Global Eq	64.41	68.52	-0.25	0.50
Japanese Eq	58.31	62.03	-0.14	...
Japan Sm Cos	68.78	73.16	-0.18	...
UK Gen	50.96	53.85	-0.05	2.80
UK Gwth	55.25	58.77	-0.16	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	64.84	68.98	-0.43	4.03
Amer Smllr Cos	105.00	111.70	-1.20	..
Asian Smaller Cos	50.41	53.63	-0.15	
Capital Portfolio	119.70	127.30	-0.50	2.36
Capital	156.00	166.00	-0.70	0.65
Cash	124.50	124.50	...	4.73
China Dragon	63.87	67.95	-0.51	0.37
Commodity	140.10	149.00	-1.80	0.49
Eastern Discovery	109.30	116.20	-0.40	
Energy Inds	125.30	133.30	-1.10	0.36
European Gwth	176.80	188.10	-4.10	0.03
Euro Inc & Gwth	72.29	76.90	-1.46	2.11
Euro Smllr Cos	50.87	54.12	-0.57	
Financial Secs	190.20	202.30	-0.70	0.60
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	46.40	48.97	-0.06	9.14
Gold & Exploration	90.81	96.61	-1.62	0.22
High Return	214.80	228.50	-0.70	4.46
High Yield	213.90	227.60	-0.50	3.65
Income	112.70	119.90	-0.20	4.58
Intl Bond	154.60	163.30	-0.70	6.03
ITI	202.20	215.10	-1.10	1.07
Japan Growth	183.50	195.20	-0.70	
Japan Smaller	211.50	225.00	-1.70	
Korea	80.06	85.17	+1.63	
Masterfund	55.27	58.74	-0.35	0.30
Scotbits	286.00	304.30	-1.30	1.01
Scotshares	272.60	290.00	...	2.43
Scotyields	226.40	240.90	+0.10	3.91
Select Intl	141.40	150.40	-1.30	0.47
Smaller Cos Inc	243.00	258.50	-1.50	3.32
SE Asia	618.90	658.40	-1.20	
Special Situation	115.10	122.40	...	1.59
UK Equity	225.40	243.00	...	3.07
UK Growth	59.41	63.20	-0.04	1.47
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	46.23	49.18	-0.25	0.71
US Growth	137.70	146.50	-0.90	0.43
Univ Growth	139.70	148.60	-1.10	0.77
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3600				
Retail Funds				
American	231.93	246.93	-2.17	0.87
European Gwth	69.84	74.35	-0.20	1.03
Euro Smllr Cos	73.61	78.51	-0.46	0.23
Far Eastern Gth	103.96	110.86	-0.02	
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.35	50.98	-0.21	7.38
Global Bond	47.62	49.21	+0.05	6.44
Global Emer Mkts	59.73	63.71	-0.43	
Income	330.77	352.83	+0.17	3.89
Japan Smllr Cos	525.93	560.98	-1.86	
Japan Enterprise	72.72	77.56	-0.36	
Pacific Gwth	141.90	151.36	-1.09	
Seoul	55.20	59.42	-1.47	
Smaller Cos	203.62	217.19	-1.17	1.04
Tokyo	126.80	135.25	-0.45	
UK Enterprise	233.67	249.24	-0.49	2.56
UK Equity	224.31	239.26	+0.52	2.77
US Smllr Cos	147.03	156.83		
World Fd	76.97	82.10	+0.04	1.84
Institutional Funds				
European	220.55	229.73	-0.76	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	28.48	29.66	-0.29	1.04
Global Equity Inc	76.14	79.31	-0.45	0.85
Japan Smllr Cos	41.27	42.98	-0.19	
Mngd Balanced	178.65	186.09	-0.04	2.84
Overseas Equity	186.65	194.42	-0.66	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	124.76	129.96	-1.04	0.45
Pacific	263.47	274.44	-0.46	0.95
Recovery	£17.71	£18.45	-1.83	2.94
UK Index	145.43	151.48	+0.02	3.42
UK Small Cos	110.81	115.42	-0.54	2.70
US Smllr Cos	42.24	44.00	+0.04	0.49
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.31	49.32	-0.63	2.57
Equity Trust	56.40	60.02	-0.81	2.53
Equity Strategy	64.96	69.19	-0.83	1.64
European Opps	51.14	56.41	-1.76	0.65
UK Smaller Cos	60.31	64.23	-0.06	1.26
Maximum Inc	96.49	101.25	-0.51	6.02
Japanese	82.27	87.62	-0.57	
Asia Pacific	122.46	131.76	-0.42	0.62
American	94.66	101.13	-0.32	0.96
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	50.50	50.50	...	4.61
UK General Inc	48.22	51.44	-0.04	2.64
Intl Income	277.30	298.60	-1.10	1.10
European	74.87	79.32	-0.30	1.47
Japan	71.15	75.30	-0.21	0.06
American	[illegible]	67.57	-0.14	1.52
Far East	94.44	100.75	-1.16	0.72
Ethical Inc	28.56	30.54	-0.02	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.10	33.30	+0.05	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.05	36.35	-0.03	2.44
UK Global Inc	39.62	42.39	-0.02	1.12
Wwide Tact	74.48	79.69	-0.25	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	51.25	54.41	-0.28	1.51
Technology	100.20	106.63	-0.16	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	357.90	382.60	-0.20	3.46
American	245.00	260.10	-1.00	0.55
Pacific	403.50	431.90	-1.40	0.41
European	513.30	549.00	-2.10	1.29
Worldwide	86.55	92.55	-0.39	0.63
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	259.50	273.40	-0.30	2.24
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	196.30	210.50	-1.10	1.12
Select Opptnty Inc	62.21	66.34	-0.26	2.27
Income Plus Inc	67.32	71.50	-0.07	3.88
European Inc	329.00	350.00	-2.00	1.14
Far Eastern Inc	179.30	190.80	-1.70	0.75
Japanese Inc	65.19	69.36	-0.34	
Nth American Inc	226.60	241.20	-1.20	0.62
Intl Growth Inc	199.60	212.60	-0.70	0.55
Wwide Venture Inc	77.77	82.71	-0.12	0.72
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 665 3724				
Equity Inc	359.40	380.50	-4.30	3.11
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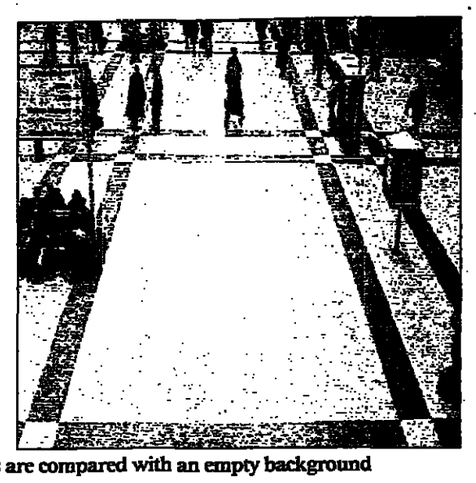
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INFOTECH

Danger, overcrowding ahead

A study of the movement of rail passengers could help to prevent disasters, says Mick Hurrell





Video images from passenger concourses are compared with an empty background





People are extracted from the background and their movement patterns analysed

Two may be company, but *three is very rarely a crowd* — or so anyone involved in crowd safety management will tell you. Real crowd safety headaches develop when we gather in our thousands in confined spaces: at football stadiums, airport and railway station concourses, and at large public events such as street carnivals.

Facilities managers and the police already have a great deal of experience and skill in directing the movement of large numbers of people. However, incidents of overcrowding cannot always be detected and dealt with speedily.

And tragedies such as Heysel, Hillsborough and King's Cross serve to show that severe problems can develop frighteningly quickly when busy public spaces operate at close to their design capacity.

Despite these disasters, there has until recently been little scientific exploration of how high-density crowds behave. Now, researchers at the University of London have developed what could be a significant advance in crowd safety — a low-cost computerised alarm system which *can automatically capture and analyse* crowd behaviour data in real-time. Using image-processing techniques adapted from traffic monitoring systems, video images taken by the closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras already installed in many public venues can be analysed and information about crowd densities and movement patterns extracted.

The project, funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, combines the expertise of the Vision and Robotics Laboratory at King's College with that of the Centre for Transport Studies and the Unit for Architectural Studies at University College London.

It has twin goals: production of a system for the automatic early detection of potentially dangerous overcrowding, and long-term data gathering to allow the relationships between building design and crowd behaviour to be established for the first time.

The thousands of commuters who daily pass through the busy concourse of Liverpool Street station in the City of London were the latest crowds to put the system through its paces, after earlier experiments at Heathrow airport and King's Cross station. The station's CCTV cameras feed their video images of the passenger concourse to the bank of monitors in the station manager's control room as usual.

In addition, however, each frame is digitised into a grid of more than 266,000 individual image pixels and fed into an incident detection system's image processor.

Every two seconds, the system checks that the crowd density in the area below is within the safety levels that have been set by the station management. Dr Sergio Velastin, one of the research leaders, says: "Our main aim at the moment is for this kind of system to work in the background.

"If it identifies a development of a potentially dangerous situation, the system will tell the operator which camera it is on and switch to it. There might also be a message saying what kind of incident has been detected, such as 'too many people' or 'erratic movement'."

The programme labels each individual image pixel as a crowd pixel or a background pixel by comparing the crowd scene with a reference image that contains no pedestrians. Test have shown this method to be more than 90 per cent accurate. And because of its computational simplicity, the system, which can handle *up to four camera imputs, works with* off-the-shelf image-processing hardware, controlled by a standard 486 PC.

The outcome of this latest experiment is being watched particularly closely by other groups, including the police, football clubs, and London Underground.

According to Chief Inspector Patrick Cassidy, of Scotland Yard's public order branch — responsible for crowd control at the Notting Hill Carnival in London, as well as at other major events — technology such as this will be invaluable at large public gatherings.

"We are interested," he says, "in anything that will help us to be proactive, rather than reactive."

Dr Velastin expects to see the incident-detection system working with CCTV systems as a safety back-up against human error. "Installations might have tens, or even hundreds of video cameras, but not all of these can be monitored at the same time," he explains.

"Therefore, some incidents can be *missed, or detected only after consid*erable delays. And because potentially dangerous situations are fortunately very rare, human operators can be subjected to long, uneventful sessions. This could lead to a lack of concentration at critical periods."

Although incident detection could have immediate benefits, another researcher on the project, Alan Penn, is interested in long-term monitoring and the establishment of the first crowd-behaviour archive.

Mr Penn, senior lecturer at the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, will analyse data from Liverpool Street station to identify patterns of pedestrian movement.

This information has two uses. First, it can characterise movement patterns at different times during the day, help to pinpoint problem areas and assess the effectiveness of layout changes. In addition, it can help in the general improvement of designs for public buildings to aid crowd flow. Mr Penn envisages a time when designers can produce a building plan showing contours of projected crowd density and flow directions.

The City plugs into cable

A multimedia mix will be on offer soon, writes Nick Cottam

Businesses in Westminster and the City of London may not have realised it but they are rapidly becoming surrounded, not by a new security cordon, but by the latest in information-bearing cables.

From next January, both areas will be operating inside a cable network able to deliver the full multimedia mix — text and graphics, television, video and telephony — all going directly to the desktop personal computer.

The UK's first cable-to-PC service is being developed by Videotron. The telecommunications company gained the central London franchise for telephone and television services in February and is now constructing a network for up to 120,000 companies.

> Network could service 120,000 firms

Initially, subscribers will be offered a mixture of business-television news and financial data, a CNN meets Prestel and Reuters compendium. If broadcasts prove more popular than some of the existing online services, more will follow. There is the prospect of PC-based video conferencing by the end of 1995, plus various complementary add-ons such as timetables, hotel accommodation, credit ratings and electronic-clipping services.

David Oxnam, managing director of Teufore, which will provide a mix of business information on the network, says: "We're talking about giving people the media mix they want from a single source: cable." The question for potential users is whether it will give them value for money compared with the online, televisual and printed matter that they already receive.

Those tempted to give the Videotron service a try need to ensure that they are working on 486DX PCs or faster equipment, with Windows installed. If so, they will then need a £299 cable decoder and an access card. The card, a piece of intelligent plastic, allows entry to the system but restricts the user to the broadcast mix which has been paid for. Once the service is installed, the minimum monthly charge is likely to be about £250 a PC user.

At this stage the package includes business news in all shapes and sizes — press agency summaries, share prices, market reports and television bulletin news.

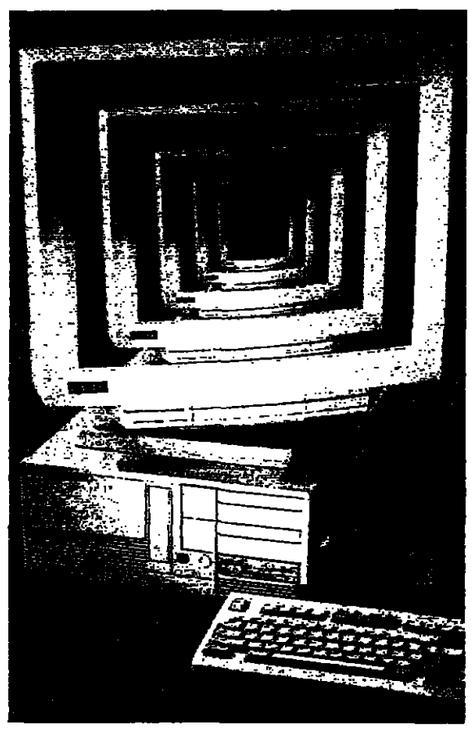
Picture for example the City-broker working away at the PC on a market analysis report. With the cable connection, he or she could "stay" in the existing document but simultaneously call up a selection of the day's top stories or that moment's CNN news bulletin.

Given sufficient mental — and manual — dexterity, the user might turn to a third or even fourth on-screen window portraying a variety of text and graphics to show, say, latest market movements.

Videotron, like other cable companies, is intent on putting its services on the doorsteps of millions of both business and domestic users so confidence that there will be an immediate audience for PC viewing of the cable variety is high.

"After all," says Mr Oxnam, "not only can this type of network support millions of users at a time but once you are connected there are no transmission costs."

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Small bark for dogkind

Jonathan Miller explains the intricacies of the Internet network, with the aid of a canine called Sam

By now, there is hardly an Internet user who is not familiar with the cartoon, published originally in the *New Yorker*, depicting a dog typing away furiously on his personal computer while remarking to his canine companion: "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

Funny, but wrong. Because the Internet has a dog, and his online address is:

sam_dog@delphi.com

I know this because Sam is in fact my dog, and so far as I can determine, he is the only dog in the world to have his own electronic mail address.

I am the first to acknowledge that this has so far proven of somewhat limited utility to Sam, who remains more interested in sniffing tree trunks than surfing the electrosphere, so I have taken the precaution of having all his correspondence forwarded automatically to me.

As an experiment in the sociology of the Internet, this has proven illuminating. It was only a matter of days after opening Sam's Internet account that my computer bleeped to signify the arrival of what I suspect to be the first electronic message ever sent to a dog.

It said, with a certain appropriate simplicity: "Woof." So there you have it: the culmination of billions of dollars of investment.

If this was one small step for a dog, it was hardly a giant leap for mankind. It does, however, neatly illustrate that the Internet, for all its many serious elements, remains a place of high and frequently immensely entertaining weirdness.

Where else but on the Internet would or could a computer enthusiast at a provincial Canadian university post the ICBM targeting coordinates for his living room? Or would fans of science fiction subsume themselves into something called (I am not making this up) a multi-user shared hallucination.

Yet although the Internet is often eccentric and sometimes bizarre, it is also an environment of extraordinary riches.

Using the Internet, you can establish a direct connection to millions of powerful computers all over the world, for the price of a local phone call. And the most astonishing characteristic of it all is that almost all of the resources available on the Internet are free. Provided you have a connection, the information is mostly just lying about, waiting for you to pick it up.

The best way to grasp the potential of the Internet is to imagine that anyone can easily set up alongside it and open a filling station, dispensing information.

It is in the nature of the Internet that some of these stalls are, in fact, huge and grand, like Portico, the new online card catalogue of the British Library, and Project Gutenberg, the ambitious project to put the world's great books online.

Others are obscure and odd beyond belief. On the Internet, you can attend an online biochemistry seminar with a Nobel laureate, search the contents of the CIA World Factbook, and play Mornington Crescent with university students in New Zealand and Anglophiles in the Americas.



You can plug yourself into a computer at the University of London and "download" weather satellite photos into your computer, or open a virtual-reality office at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

So immense are the resources that the biggest problem has become keeping track of them all.

To try to help users to navigate the highway and its innumerable byways, the Internet's ad hoc developers have come up with a number of tools to help. These include Archie, a sort of cybernetic robot that automatically hunts through the indices of content generated by the network's tens of thousands of main computer sites, and Veronica, which hunts for content based on key words.

The most powerful navigator of all is the World Wide Web (WWW), which is driven by an important new software tool called Hyper Text Mark-up Language (HTML). This allows every item of information on the Internet to be "linked" to any other.

The drawback is that the WWW is extremely slow; it can be speeded up by stripping out its graphical elements but it is unlikely to come into its own until a revised and accelerated version of HTML enters the market next year.

But because it is a network of networks, *rather than a single* integrated whole, navigation can sometimes be frustrating and even infuriating.

There is something of a battle under way for the soul of the Internet as it opens itself up more and more to ordinary users, who sometimes find that its original inhabitants, mainly academics, resent the newcomers (known as "newbies").

More threatening, perhaps, to the ethos of the net is the frankly stated intention of many companies to start charging for information on the Internet.

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Most publishers of electronic information are locked into middle America. But change, says **David Hewson**, is on the way

Why can't computers speak English?



Andrew Rosenheim with an example from the CD-Rom *Dictionary of Quotations*

The dictum that Britain and America are two nations divided by a common language must be known to almost everybody. But you will not find the quotation in Microsoft's huge CD-Rom Bookshelf collection of standard reference works, or even *its new competitor for the* burgeoning computerised book market, the Oxford Reference Shelf from the Oxford University Press.

One reason may be that, for many of the new generation of electronic publishers, the dictum is simply wrong. When dealing with computers American English *is* English these days, and if you do not know your lift from your elevator or your braces from your suspenders the glamorous world of fast, multimedia reference works on CD-Rom can be very puzzling indeed.

OUP's electronic products arm has its roots in traditional book publishing and would not dream of trying to sell the British public a work that spells colour, "color". But it is in the minority. Most electronic books are the work of software companies, not traditional publishers, and, for many, the idea of spending money on localising something that is already in English seems distinctly odd.

The most popular CD-Rom reference work today is Microsoft's Encarta, which has sold more than a million copies in a year. Like most of Microsoft's growing range of multimedia computer titles, it is a lavish, sophisticated mine of information and excellent value at less than £100.

It is also hopelessly saddled with a world view that begins and ends in middle America. Look up Alabama and you can see photographs of the state flower, car number plate and seal, create an interactive climate chart that compares its population and weather with that of any other US state, and browse a huge collection of cross-referenced articles.

The entry for the county of "Kent (England)", on the other hand, comprises a single paragraph with a photograph of the centre of Canterbury and, among a handful of short cross references, the illuminating information that coal-mining is still an actively pursued industry in the countryside around Dover.

> You must know your lift from your elevator

This is not the only intelligence which may alarm the local citizenry. According to Encarta, Dover's 1981 population was 100,751; Microsoft's companion Bookshelf product reveals that this has now shrunk to a mere 33,700.

Either something very fishy has been going on around the white cliffs or a researcher somewhere in America fails to understand the difference between a town and a local authority region.

Misinformation of this kind is relatively rare in most multimedia reference titles, though more common than one would expect in a printed work. The real failing of this new medium lies in its off-centre content and dogged, and occasionally unnecessary, reliance on US spelling.

Encarta's most potent rival, Grolier's, holds to an equally American view of the world, but allows that others do things differently. Type "theatre" into Encarta and you get a blank stare: with Grolier's it brings a long list of references simply because the British English spellings, among them our own National Theatre, are left unchanged.

Paul Tollet, the manager of Microsoft UK's consumer business unit, which handles all the company's home software titles, admits that localisation is a growing issue.

"Eighteen months ago the people who were buying these titles were the early adopters who were willing to accept an American product. Now we have broken through into the mainstream and people do not like it if they get 17 pages about Kansas and one about Lancashire.

"We are commited to localisation but it is a huge, huge task. Localising Encarta *alone will cost us as much as* our original investment, about £600,000."

A British version of Encarta is now being assembled and is due to appear towards the end of next year. Localising the Bookshelf title, however, is not a priority for the company, says Mr Tollet, though a number of new British-produced CD-Rom reference works will appear under the Microsoft banner next year.

Microsoft's commitment to localisation is rare, however. Grolier's has no plans for a British version of its encyclopaedia. The sudden domination of US English in Britain's fastest-growing publishing sector may have as much to do with timidity among conventional publishers as opportunism by American software companies.

Andrew Rosenheim, electronic publishing director for the Oxford University Press, believes that the book trade has been tardy to spot the opportunities created by the spread of the personal computer.

"Even now if I want to buy an electronic dictionary in Oxford I have to find it in Curry's because you won't see it in Blackwells or Dillons.

"So the software companies have come in instead and they don't have the same concerns about localisation."

Mr Rosenheim foresees a backlash as consumers demand more local products. "In America it is unacceptable to sell product posing as a US title which has not been localised. It's equally unacceptable in Britain."

Watch TV on your PC

New computers are multi-use

MANY of the new computers on display at last week's Tokyo Data Show had built-in tuners allowing them to serve as TV sets as well.

Even some of the new laptop computers have built-in stereo speakers, CD-Rom drives and video and TV capabilities. Many of the new models can play CDs, edit sounds and photographs or show a full-screen TV picture. Or the TV image can be reduced to the size of a small box, letting the user keep an eye on a favourite show in a corner of the screen while using a word processing programme.

Most can store short portions of TV broadcasts on their hard discs so they can be played back later

In one answer to memory problems, Sony showed its first MD Data product, a portable storage device based on its audio Minidisc, which can record and play music. The same technology can be used to store up to 140 megabytes of data a disc — the equivalent of about 100 high-density floppy discs.

Sony's Walkman-size 12oz MDH-10 is to go on sale early next month for about 64,800 yen (£400). Discs for storing data will cost about £13.

Let there be much better light

SCIENTISTS say that they have created a new polymer that could transform the computer industry. The glasslike polymer helps scientists to manipulate light more efficiently and could be used, for example, in optical computing (computing at the speed of light) and in storing holograms.

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Microsoft limit

RECENT growth rates at Microsoft are "not sustainable" according to the giant software company's annual report. Among other factors, the company cited saturation of the PC market and a rising percentage of revenues coming from sales direct to PC manufacturers, who pay far less than consumers.

According to *Forbes* magazine, Bill Gates, the 38-year-old chairman of Microsoft, is worth about £6 billion. *Forbes* says that Mr Gates "now appears to be the wealthiest individual in the world other than royalty."



More mobility

NEARLY three million people in Britain — more than 5 per cent of the population — have a mobile phone. Cellnet says it connected 133,000 new subscribers (net of cancellations) in the past three months giving it a total of 1.28 million subscribers at the end of September.

Arch rival Vodafone announced earlier that it connected 123,000 net new subscribers in the three months to October, taking its network to 1.45 million subscribers.

Image consulting

MORE than ten large Japanese electronics firms are discussing a plan to develop jointly ways of transmitting the huge volumes of data it takes to produce high-quality moving images on portable multimedia devices.

The companies, including Sony, NEC and Matsushita, aim to transmit 2 to 10 megabits of information every second to hand-held personal communicators. Eight megabits per second would be 1,000 *times the 8 kilobits* per second that can be transmitted by current technology.

Byte to eat

DINERS suffering from separation from their computers at mealtime now have a place in *Dallas where they can* plug in and eat. The newly opened High Tech Cafe also has overhead light fixtures constructed from computer monitors, table vases filled with keys from keyboards and floors built from assorted computer parts.

Client servers, who would be called waiting staff elsewhere, greet diners with: "How did we interface today?" or "Would you care to download some megabyte chips and salsa?"

Hotter chip

JAPAN'S Toshiba has signed a wide-ranging licensing arrangement with IBM to use IBM's Power PC microprocessor, giving the chip's prospects an important boost.

The high-performance Power PC chip was jointly developed by IBM, Motorola and Apple. But they have had trouble lining up other companies to adopt the chip because of the popularity of Intel's design.

Mightier pens

IT MAY not seem like it now, but at least one study claims that personal communicators — ones you can write on with a pen-like device — will become wildly popular in years to come. The market research firm Bis Strategic Decisions says sales will jump from 97,000 this year to 1.35 million in 1998.

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Fade-out for slide lectures

Notebook computers may bring relief to dazed veterans of presentations

Sales people faced with the prospect of making a big presentation at a potential client's offices are increasingly abandoning slides and flip charts for notebook computers.

Dramatic multimedia presentations using three-dimensional graphs, animated sequences, video clips and voiceovers have been possible on desktop personal computers for some time. Now notebooks are becoming powerful enough to run the same software and light enough to be transported easily to customers' offices.

As presentation aids, notebook computers can have problems, but a new range of portable machines intended to overcome the difficulties is coming on the market.

The main limitation is the display. Even the most expensive colour liquid crystal displays cannot be viewed comfortably by more than one person, who has to sit close to the computer. Some computers can be linked to a television set, but this assumes that the right equipment is available at the customers' offices.

Rever, a Taiwanese notebook-maker, this month introduced a portable computer designed to work with an overhead projector. The Cruiser 3 notebook has a detachable colour screen which can be laid onto the light box of an overhead projector. This can throw the image onto a film screen as if it were an ordinary acetate foil.

The presenter can operate the computer using the Air Mouse, an infra-red controller, up to 40ft away from the machine, so remaining free to move around and do all the theatrical things that make for a vivid performance instead of a boring lecture from the side of the projector.


A Toshiba computer that uses an electronic pen

The cost is high. At about £5,000, the Cruiser is obviously a corporate buy. Panasonic's assault on the presentation market is a notebook computer with a built-in CD-Rom drive, enabling sales people to exploit CD-Rom presentations developed for in-house use on a desktop computer, but on the move with clients.

The CD-Rom drive has been ingeniously fitted under the keyboard of the machine, which is lifted up in a similar way to the lid of a CD player to reveal the spindle and a storage position for a second CD.

The machine can also generate digital-quality sound, giving rise to the rather alarming prospect of people on the train listening not to their personal stereo but to their notebook computer. This computer is not cheap, either, starting at £2,500 for the basic model and rising to about £5,000 for one using the latest super-fast Pentium chip and a high-quality TFT colour screen.

One of the most interesting prospects held out by notebook computers as sales aids is that they can be interactive. If customers can enter their own data and get the computer to calculate the results themselves, what the computer says will be regarded with much more trust than if sales people slickly enter a few figures and magically produce an answer highly beneficial to themselves.

Toshiba is selling a colour pen computer as a method of getting sales prospects involved in the computing process without having to use customer-unfriendly keyboards. Its £2,400 pen computer consists of a book-size block with a touch-sensitive screen and a stylus. It is not a handwriting-recognition system like the Apple Newton, which some people regard as unreliable and frustrating to use.

Instead, the user ticks boxes to go through a process of, for example, entering details for a life insurance proposal. At the end, the computer calculates the premiums without the intervention of the sales person. The colour pen computer sells for £2,400.

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As the era of dedicated PC programmers ends, writes **Sean Hallahan**, hybrid professionals are coming into their own

A brave new breed is born

The hybrid manager has long been a term used by management consultants to describe a mid-ranking to senior company official with multidisciplinary skills. Now a new group has been picked out as one to watch. The hybrid PC professional is someone who can not only operate in his or her own specialised areas but can program and administer a personal computer system.

The job is linked to a belief that the era of the dedicated PC programmer is ending as more and more other professionals become skilled, not only in their own discipline, but in PC programming.

A recent report by Butler Bloor, a research consultancy, predicts that there will be 100 million such hybrid professionals around the world by 2010. It suggests that the need for traditional programmers in information-technology departments is in decline and that their numbers will amount to only a few hundred thousand by that year.

Robin Bloor, the chief executive of Butler Bloor, describes the hybrid PC professional as an occasional desktop programmer. "This is a professional, such as the accountant, media technician, or even commercial artist, who sometimes needs to program as a part of his professional activity, but does so only rarely.

"Programming is becoming an all-pervading talent. In many cases, accountants who program systems are more skilled than those IT professionals that they replace."

Five million PCs are believed to be in use in British business, and worldwide they number around 130 million. Because of their nature and relative ease of use they are becoming tools, comparable to the calculator a generation ago.

Recruitment consultants agree. "You will be very lucky now if you can get a job in accountancy unless you have PC skills," says Laurie Boyall, the managing director of McGregor Boyall. Charles Foster, the managing director of Career Group, says: "We have been involved in accountancy recruitment and IT recruitment and the paths are definitely converging." But the traffic, he says, is largely one way: Although accountants may go on to take up senior positions in IT, few IT people make it into the world of accountancy.

The banking sector, particularly in the South East, is the place where big money is to be made, Mr Foster says. "There is a salary war among the banks because they are all fighting for a very small number of people," he adds. "The financial institutions have to keep up with the latest technology because they operate in such a highly competitive world."

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Robin Bloor, of Butler Bloor, says accountants who program are often more skilled than IT professionals

The Career Group at present has vacancies for software developers with one or two years' experience in Lotus Notes and the C or Visual Basic language for three leading banks, and is offering salaries of between £27,000 and £37,000 a year.

Yet, according to Mr Boyall, there are still openings for the pure PC specialist, particularly in the City. "If you work for a large investment bank as a PC specialist you have to be at least as professional as the old mainframe programmers were," he says. "A real PC guru in the City, with knowledge of something like Excel, the Microsoft spreadsheet software, can earn between £50,000 and £60,000 a year."

Mark Alborough, a senior consultant with Times Computer Group, says the market for PC personnel has started to pick up in the past 12 months. "There has been a 40 per cent to 50 per cent increase in the number of vacancies over this time last year. But salaries are picking up less quickly."

But for the PC specialist without other disciplines, finding employment is not as easy as in previous years despite the increase in the number of vacancies. Companies are looking for cross-technical skills and a knowledge of more than one product of technology.

In the past a knowledge of one of the primary networking systems would have been enough to secure employment; now the growth of open systems has led to a demand for experience in at least two.

The other big change is that the advent of graphical user interfaces such as Microsoft Windows have made PCs far easier to use, and so straightforward programming is less in demand than previously. And there are still plenty of openings for those people who have trained themselves in the use of the new technology.

Mr Boyall says that many smaller companies are willing to take on staff who have moved up the scale from being a secretary or administrator, and have familiarised themselves with the PC.

During the 1980s, many clerical staff became PC experts by default. Companies that could not afford specialist staff often assigned a secretary or administrator to positions of responsibility in handling their PCs, networks or applications like desktop publishing.

Such self-taught employees became experts in their own right and are now sought by other small companies looking for a way to manage their systems without having to pay the salaries that the large City institutions can offer.

But Mr Bloor offers a warning to companies that are looking at dispensing with IT personnel and replacing them with the hybrid professional.

"The professionals are well capable of building small systems, but they are not capable of building them well," he says. "They tend to regard a three-user system as being the same as a 100-user system. This would be a bit like saying that a bridge across a river is the same as a log across a stream."

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THEATRE: Italian plays revived — with a dash of farce by the RSC, but without much joy in Ipswich

Bring on the funny-men

The Venetian Twins
Barbican

Who would be Zanetto, gormless anti-hero of *The Venetian Twins*, when the Royal Shakespeare Company is in one of its *ho-ho moods*? In the play Goldoni actualy wrote he gets denounced as a hypocrite by the lady he dos want to marry and told he's an ungrateful wretch by thelady he doesn't. But at the Barbican that is not all. Barely hs he delivered himself of a gratuitous George Formby imitition than the hussies are on him. They break raw eggs above his head, shove a banana first up his nose and then down his trousers, and – as he hapless-ly waves a buch of flowers at his loved one's balcony — dump a vast plate of spaghetti all over him.

No, Ray Cooney has not been brought in to fix a play he RSC does not trust; or at least not exactly, not quite. The company hardly needs the *farceur* himself when a slightly more smartet substitute exists in the form of Michael Bogdanov, a chap who would happily slop bright orange paint over a Chippendale chair if he thought it would rid it of the taint of antiquity, or relocate *King Lear* on the set of television's *Waiting for God* if he felt the result would startle and amuse.

> ‘Perhaps the RSC needs to be very silly every now and then’

With him in creative charge, it is impossible to tell that *The Venetian Twins* was a key play in Goldoni's campaign to replace the moribund buffoonery of the *commedia dell'arte* with more realistic fun. As one might have predicted, Bogdanov's production hands the piece back to those bouncing clowns, or at least to their British descendants.

Oh well, why not? Perhaps the RSC, earnest troupe that it is, needs to be very, very silly every now and then. The production is, I suppose, therapeutic for its members and, judging by the laughter that greeted them as they corpsed at their own malapropisms or injected another exuberant vulgarity or topical joke into the play's fabric, an enjoyably escapist night out for some of its audiences. Moreover, Bogdanov's extravagance suits the vast acreage of the Barbican better than the spare oblong on which it was seen last year, the Swan in Stratford.

The production has expanded to fill the space available. Kendra Ullyart's tumbledown piazza is taller and wider, and on each of its flanks paying punters are seated, some of them drinking real wine and eating real pasta in a trattoria called the Slug and Lettuce. Members of the audience, on and off the stage, get mixed up in the proceedings, if only by being asked to hold one of the vaguely 19th-century coats or catch a flying orange. But the spectator who is given an umbrella, stabbed with a sword, then carted off by a phalanx of police and St John ambulancemen, is presumably on the theatre's payroll, as is the brass band that meanders in and out of the Barbican foyer.

And the plot? In all the ado, I nearly forgot that. For the record, it is in the line of Plautus's *Menaechmi* and Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, a story of the confusions that ensue when long-estranged twins converge on a town where each has a woman, a false friend, and a fate to fulfil. David Troughton brings plenty of invention and energy to both, strutting about the stage as the macho Tonino, then crumpling in bashful dismay as the north-country Zanetto mourns being drawn (one of translator Ranjit Bolt's characteristically lucky lines) to women "like soapy water going down a plughole".

Jenny Quayle and Sarah Woodward trip attractively around; Christopher Hunter slithers and jerks through the role of an Italian Tartuffe; Jonathan Phillips and Paul Greenwood do what the translation calls their Errol Flynn and Liberace bits as, respectively, a swell and a fop. But nobody justifies the claim Bolt makes in the programme, that the play contains "a good deal of social comment and psychological insight". How could they, with Bogdanov constantly pushing them into custard-pie mode?

The inadequacy of his direction is most glaring at the ending, which brings a murder, a suicide and what promises to be a very unhappy marriage. As the curtain prepares to fall, Bogdanov makes a desperate attempt to acknowledge the cruelty this implies. Suddenly the cast dons monstrous masks. Suddenly a corpse appears in a wheelbarrow. But it is as if someone were to paint cancerous sores on a Comic-Relief nose: too little, too late, and far too out-of-place.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



DONALD COOPER

Barrel of laughs: David Troughton, in his dual role as the Venetian twins, brings plenty of invention and energy to both

Lost in the translation

Flat Spin
Wolsey, Ipswich

Franco Brusati, author of this play, is said to be a big name in Italy but he means nothing yet over here. He never will, if other translations share the lack of grace and coherence evident in this version by Ray Herman. But one never knows. Of his half-dozen plays — he died last year at the age of 70 — number one or number six may brilliantly acquaint us with Milanese malaise.

Perhaps in its original version, titled (in Italian) *The Roses and the Lake*, the play made its audiences ache with recognition that a life is wasted if limited to acquiring the outward signs of wealth: in this case a Milan apartment with a prized view of a lake. There are occasional signs in the writing, even in the production (by Caroline Smith), and in a few brave performances, that something significant is being touched on.

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Derek Smith's Mafia henchman is given a scene with Cecilia (Constance Barrie), a cosseted daughter with emerging powers as a psychic. They are together on a sofa, recognising unsuspected qualities in each other, and when the pianist in a neighbouring apartment plays a waltz she asks him to dance. Briefly they do so before he breaks away to recapture his early days as a hoofer, doffing an invisible top hat, twirling an unseen cane. In this episode you hear the sound of the play breathing, faint but clear, before the gallumphing tread of the production/translation/other performances silences it.

The apartment belongs to a flabby advertising agent, played by David Fleeshman who overdoes the nervous chuckles as his sign for unhappiness. His wife has left him, his son detests him: he is apparently irresistible to women but he has also trifled with the heart of the office post boy (Leslie Tuckey). In one of the evening's several ill-judged scenes this lad, a failed seminarist, is goaded into performing the central mystery of the Eucharist with a bread roll and a bottle of wine. The ill judgment lies not with the essence of the scene, presumably intended to show various sorts of betrayal, but in the failure of the production/translation to build up the characters so that the shock will have value.

Two neighbouring women covet the apartment and will countenance murder if this is the necessary price. Deaths from gas poisoning are included but could hardly have succeeded when the victims are slumped in chairs ten feet from the stove in a room with the front door wide open. It is pointless to list other lapses in sensible direction, or to guess whom to blame for the play's uncertainty of tone, which in a human being would be tantamout to catastrophic identity crisis. No opinion of Brusati's worth can be derived from this enterprise.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MUSIC: The Mahler cycle continues; and English music-theatre

Bimms and bamms

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

FOR all his abilities as an orchestral trainer, Michael Tilson Thomas is not a Mahlerian blessed with the convincing passion of Bernstein, his mentor. But he is at least an honest, humble one. Here, conducting the London Symphony Orchestra in the immense Third Symphony in the third concert of its Mahler Festival, he showed a sure grasp of the enormous first movement, his pacing spreading wide the work's roots.

And if there were moments verging upon tweeness amid the fragrance of the Minuet, the Scherzando — its gentle forest beasts entwining with Rod Franks's beautifully turned flugelhorn solos — hit the right spot. With the South-end Boys Choir's enthusiastic bimming and bamming and the London Symphony Chorus women's girlishly spry singing of the *Wunderhorn* song "Es sungen drei Engel", the fifth movement also went with its usual infectious swing; and Nathalie Stutzmann's intense, deliberate delivery of Nietzsche's "Midnight Song", gorgeously mellow-toned, sent shivers down the spine.

Yet these were successful parts of a whole that did not bind together. That feeling was confirmed in the finale. Tilson Thomas did not dare to chance the most extreme pace, but more crucially neither did he shape phrases with quite the right balance between his will and the music's.

In a long programme, the Mahler was preceded by Brahms's *Four Songs* for female chorus, Op 17 (with Karen Vaughan, Timothy Jones and William Haskins the harpist and horn players) and George Benjamin's impressive *Jubilation*, where musicians from the Centre for Young Musicians, the Walthamstow Girls' School Steel Band and the Guildhall Brass Ensemble joined the LSO.

The recent acoustic alterations to the Barbican have made balance less capricious, presence more immediate. But from my seat there remains an aggressive harshness in the upper frequencies, with double basses scarcely audible.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Successful in a small way

Triple bill
RNCM

AFTER its spectacular effort with Tchaikovsky's *Maid of Orleans* a fewmonths ago, the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester was wise to limit its ambitions to a music-theatre programme. Chamber opera has its own disciplines and it is as well to get early experience of them.

As we saw in an overdesigned and overacted presentation of Walton's The Bear, every visual element must be in scale with the score and the dramatic situation. It is true that the composer himself overdoes the comic gestures — which were clearly reflected in Paul McGrath's conducting here — but there was enough mugging in Stefan Janski's production and enough furniture on Matt English's set to stage the council scene in *Boris Godunov*. It is also true that old servants are always a problem for young singers, but Simon Wilding's Luka could profitably have made one less entry with a chamber pot and several fewer exits with a surly look over his bent right shoulder. Of the two main protagonists, Sarah Castle as Popov and Craig Smith as Smirnov, the former had the vocal qualities to match the part and was the more successful in avoiding the facial excesses.

The production of Stephen Oliver's **The Waiter's Revenge**, directed by Sasha French and designed by the same Matt English, was wittier and more stylish. Having no words and no music to speak of, it is not a vehicle for singers, but it does bring out comic talents, as it did in a particularly resourceful Restaurant Manager. Kenneth Orr, who performed that role, was also one of the players with their minds obsessively not on the game in **A Hand of Bridge**: an attractive little four-hander with a politely jazzy score by Samuel Barber and words by Gian Carlo Menotti.

GERALD LARNER

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WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ANNE SOPHIE MUTTER The Barbican's Celebrity Recital Series starts tonight with a programme from one of the world's finest violinists. Works include Stravinsky's suite from *Pulcinella*, Beethoven's Sonata No 10 in G, Op 96, Currier's *Aftersong* (written for Mutter) and Schumann's Sonata No 2 in D minor, Op 121
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

MOSCOW STATIONS First night of previews for Tom Courtenay's acclaimed one-man performance as the alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. A modern Odysseus in search of spiritual values
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Previews tonight, Sat and Mon, 8pm. Opens Oct 11, 7pm

LA CENERENTOLA: The Opera House hosts the first of its "Saturday Specials" this weekend. Ticket prices are lowered to £1.50 up to £20 for individuals and groups on low incomes. Bruno Campanella gets stylish playing from the orchestra for Rossini's *Cinderella* adaptation, with superb performances from Raul Giménez, Alastair Miles, Simone Alaimo and Olga Borodina as the put-upon heroine
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, WC2 (071-340 4000). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. Bring your ID for concessions.

DON QUIXOTE Ian Judge opens Massenet's little-known, affectionate send-up of Cervantes tomorrow night. It is being staged in London for the first time since 1912. "The opening sequence is all dance music, and the colours are really retina-burning! This *Don Quixote* has come a long way from the browns and greys of Cervantes," he promises. Richard Van Allan takes the title role. Emmanuel Joel conducts
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW Strangely enough, Donizetti's **Mary Stuart** has not been seen on a main Scottish stage for 20 years. *Scottish Opera's new production* is conducted by Richard Armstrong, and has the Australian soprano Yvonne Kenny singing the title role for the first time in Britain
Theatre Royal, Hope St, Glasgow (041-332 9000), tonight, 7.15pm
Also in Glasgow this weekend, the Concert Hall hosts the first of its **Children's Classic Concerts**, a series of one-hour performances for young audiences and their families. Atarah Ben-Tovim introduces the instruments and players of the Orchestra of Scottish Opera for a programme that includes quizzes, competitions, prizes and audience participation
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511). Sun, 2pm.

LEICESTER Paul Kerryson directs the Haymarket's 21st-anniversary musical, Sondheim's **Follies**, given in its original 1971 Broadway version.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Oct 11. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm and Oct 19 and 27, 2pm. Until Oct 29.

LEEDS Director Matthew Warchus teams up with lead actors Mark Rylance and Michael Rudko for the first major British revival of Sam Sheppard's **True West**
West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0532 442111).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Pre-Raphaelite Drawings, Jewellery of the Classical World (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld**: Conrad Felixmuller (071-873 2526) .. **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) **National Portrait Gallery**: Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: Ideas Personified (071-839 3321) .. **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) .. **Tate**: Clore Gallery: Rebecca Horn (071-887 8000) .. **V & A**: Futaj Print Retrospective (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE CHILDREN'S HOUR** Clare Higgins and Harriet Walter as two schoolteachers accused of being lovers by a brat student. Lillian Hellman's powerful drama from 1934, directed by Howard Davies
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sa, 2.15pm

◪ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the *menage à trois*. Fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

■ **THE MARK** Two teenage brothers with a hopeful future in the Scotland of 1958. What went wrong? New play by David Ashton, author of *Bright Light Shining* and *The Chinese Wolf*
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm, until Oct 29.

◪ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Wed, 2.30pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm

◪ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage, terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm, mat Wed, 3pm

☐ **900 ONEONTA** David Beaird's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating

Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

☐ **RSC FRINGE FESTIVAL** Twenty plays, old and new, drawing on the talents of the current Barbican company. Includes works by Carrie Fisher, Albee, Havel, Camus, Shakespeare (a rehearsed reading of the attributed play *Edward III*)
Bridewell, Bride Lane, EC4 (071-936 3456). Today-Oct 23. Ring Box Office for details

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Transfer for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **THE SLAB BOYS TRILOGY:** A revival of the plays of John (*Tutti Frutti*) Byrne, first seen in 1982. The lives of three hopefuls from youth to middle age, struggling to avoid a lifetime of toil in a Paisley carpet factory. A study in post-war British disillusion, perhaps, but splendidly entertaining for all that.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). In rep or as a Saturday marathon. Until Nov 12.

■ **SOME VOICES** Ian Rickson directs Joe Penhall's play about an unwise love in Shepherds Bush. "A play about people who don't know what's good for them."
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week.

◪ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** David Suchet's sublimely funny performance playing the role of Sid Field. William Humble's superior stage biography of a comic genius was first staged at The *Drum in Plymouth, and has been acclaimed on tour since*
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens Oct 12, 7pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) .. ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville, final week (071-836 9987) .. ■ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) .. ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) .. ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) .. ☐ **The Miracle Worker**: Wyndham's, final week (071-867 1116) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) .. ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ◪ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FUNNY MAN (18): Tiresome low-budget British horror comic, with Tim James as a real-life joker in the pack. Writer-director, Simon Sprackling
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LION KING (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426 915683)

MINA TANNENBAUM (12): Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein enliven an uneven story of two Jewish friends in Paris. Writer-director, Martine Dugowson
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

CURRENT

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12): Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance. Paul Weiland directs
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Phillip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DAZED AND CONFUSED (18): High school kids of 1976 drink, fight and philosophise. Mildly disappointing follow-up to *Slacker* from director Richard Linklater
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

GETTYSBURG (PG): Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles. No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting. With Jeff Daniels, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen. Ronald F. Maxwell directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins and Paul Newman
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE RED SQUIRREL (18): Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suárez and Nancho Novo
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THREE COLOURS: WHITE (15): Kieslowski's marvellous comic portrait of love, revenge and Polish capitalism. With Julie Delpy.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia. director, Luis Mandoki
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

POP ON FRIDAY: The slow rehabilitation of Richey Edwards . . .

Gorgeous in spite of himself

The Manic Street Preachers' continued success does little to ease the unhappy life of its leading light



The troubled Manic Street Preachers (with Richey crouching in front): still the best rock band in Britain?

Bournemouth, 1992. It is a miserable rainy Tuesday afternoon — I had spent the morning wandering around, trying to find the hotel, and wondering why the older natives of Bournemouth seem quite happy to sit on garden walls, fully exposed to the rain, and wait for their buses. It looks as though someone has been around the suburbs, dropping grannies off, and forgetting to pick them up again.

It is the first time that I have gone on tour with a band, and I am slightly nervous. Having read *Hammer of the Gods* and watched *Spinal Tap* too many times for my own good, I rather expect the band to be insular, selfish, *self-obsessed and stupid. I suspect it* might be quite awkward having to hang out with them for a whole day.

I worry that people will think I am a groupie, so I selfconsciously carry a notepad and pen around with me at all times. I rediscovered this notepad in a box of junk last week; it is filled with noughts and crosses, and a shopping list of make-up I intended to buy. I had started smoking the week before I went to Bournemouth. I remember sitting in my hotel bedroom, practising how to light up in front of the mirror, and reminding myself to inhale.

There is a knock on my hotel door. I open it, and standing there is the most untouchably beautiful person I have *ever* seen in my life. His hair has that "rockstar" glow. His skin is translucent, and punctured only by two huge, soft-brown Bambi eyes. He has the kind of bone-structure that would make Kate Moss's agent weep. This is beauty beyond lust.

His name is Richey Edwards; his band is the Manic Street Preachers; and he cannot play the guitar. Instead he writes the lyrics, draws up their manifestos, does most of the talking in interviews, and looks beautiful. He is doing this very well today.

He fusses around, making tea for both of us, charmingly inquiring as to whether I want to sit on the bed or the chair. The interview is the most intense conversation I have had in my life. I have to gallop mentally to keep up. Later, instead of the supposed groupie-action, the Manics sit around in the hotel lobby, drinking miniature bottles *of vodka, and argue heatedly about* the miners' strike and Welsh politics. Richey calls a representative from his record company a "slag, a parasite," and finally goes to bed at 4.30am, alone.

Two years later, in the height of July we hear that Richey is leaving the Manic Street Preachers. *Something* has gone wrong. He is still as eloquent *in interviews as ever* — "*I drink* a bottle of vodka a night, not because it's hard or clever, it's sad, but because I can't get to sleep" — but there's a definite feeling that things inside him are badly awry.

The Manics' manager, Phil Hall, had died a few months previously from cancer; and one of Richey's best friends from university had killed himself halfway through the Manics' gruelling promotional schedule for the first single off the album. Promoting is difficult at the best of times; if it happens halfway through a period of mourning, the pressure can become intolerable. So Richey quit the band.

Three weeks later, he was rushed to hospital. Nobody quite knows what happened. He stayed in his local hospital for a week and was then checked *into a private clinic to* deal with his alcoholism, self-mutilation and borderline anorexia. In a year already overloaded with people who have buckled under the weight of the *music industry machinery*, Richey's story seemed the most poignant of them all. A courteous, beautiful, fiercely intelligent and prodigiously talented man, whose breakdown was looked upon, in some quarters, as a scam to get more press for the new album, *The Holy Bible*.



CAITLIN MORAN

The Manics played the Reading Festival without Richey, on the anniversary of Philip Hall's birthday. For once, Reading didn't seem like a celebration — a three-day amnesty on sobriety, dignity, washing and sense — and instead became a low-key memorial service for those we had lost and were losing. There was a sense of rock's excesses catching up yet again.

And so, with all of this history weighing down the recent months, I went out to Bordeaux, with strict instructions not to talk to Richey, to meet the Manic Street Preachers again.

James, the Manic's singer, has had a new haircut, and looks even more like the "brute with cheekbones" that Julian Clary is eternally lusting over. He is as charming as ever. *The Manics* are one of the nicest bands in the world — nice as in polite, considerate, amusing, eloquent; not as in the wussy, weak-tea niceness of, say, Juliana Hatfield or Peter Gabriel. *He sits in the shabby* dressing room, and sips on a beer.

How's this tour been, then?

"The first day I was really, really nervous," James says, picking at the label on the bottle with his thumbnail. "I was so on edge about Richey, in case he started cutting himself up again. I kept thinking, 'If you cut yourself up now, son, everything will be wasted'."

Do you understand why Richey does it?

"Well, um, everyone's got a corner of their heart and mind you can't get into. Richey was always much more into books and films than rock 'n' roll — and I think those art-forms are much more idealised. I think they influenced the way he viewed life, and the way he thought it would be." James pauses, and looks out of the window. "Whenever I talk about Richey, I think of that quote from *Rumblefish*, y'know — 'He's merely miscast to play; he was born on the wrong side of the river — he has the ability to do anything but he can't find anything he wants to do.'

"If he hadn't been in the band, he'd probably end up like Richard Briers in *Ever Decreasing Circles*, very cardigan, very slippers. And it's as easy to go *down the slippery slope living that* lifestyle as it is being a 'rock star'. There are an awful lot of housewives hooked on tranquillisers, you know."

Do you think Richey will ever hurt himself again as badly as he has done?

"Well," James starts, slowly, "he has wanted to cut himself on this tour already, but hasn't. And that's a first. We're taking things slowly. He knows he can leave the band whenever he wants, whenever it gets too much. From the first time we knew Richey, we knew we wanted him in the band. If he left, the band would probably be over. I can't imagine the Manics without him."

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NEW ALBUMS: Their debut on disc was sensational; their new album, says **David Sinclair**, is almost beyond superlatives



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SUEDE
Dog Man Star
(Nude NUDE 3)

SUEDE'S self-titled debut album, released last year, scaled previously unimagined heights of critical acclaim. Universally hailed as a masterpiece, it went straight to the top of the UK chart, romped home with the Mercury Music Prize and has since sold nearly a quarter of a million copies.

All of which makes the task of reviewing *Dog Man Star* rather awkward. Having carelessly exhausted so many superlatives, what words are left to describe a follow-up album next to which the debut pales almost to insignificance? Well, magnificent is one, astounding is another. And at the risk of sounding like a West End theatre hoarding one could fill in the gaps with something along the lines of: a spellbinding *tour de force*, the English rock album against which all others in 1994 will come to be judged.

It is not just the songs that make *Dog Man Star* such a triumph, although goodness knows they are brilliant enough. From the sleazy, art-school rock'n'roll of "This Hollywood Life", to the spine-tingling chorus of "The Power"; from the macabre, shrieking pile-up of noise at the end of "Daddy's Speeding" to the gorgeous lilt of "The Wild Ones"; from the murky, two-minute drone of "Introducing The Band" to the stately, ten-minute epic "The Asphalt World", it is an album simply teeming with drama, invention and surprises.

But what eventually moulds the collection into something more than the sum of even these extraordinary parts is the way in which songwriters Brett Anderson and the recently departed Bernard Butler boldly distil the sad, seedy *Zeitgeist of 1990s Britain and turn it into something so thrillingly, romantically out of the ordinary*. The single, "We Are The Pigs", is a good example: a lyric which essays the violent undercurrents that threaten to engulf society is swept along by a swirling, dipping guitar motif of majestic bearing. "Heroine" is another, a song which aches in empathy with its protagonist, lying in his dingy slum longing for a visit from his *femme fatale* (surely a drug metaphor, however much Anderson claims otherwise).

There is everything from lean guitar riffs to the 40-piece Sinfonia of London Orchestra, arranged and conducted by Brian Gascoine, soaring away behind Anderson's heroically overwrought performance on the album's closing track, "Still Life".

At times it all drifts wildly over the top and, inevitably when shooting so high, they sometimes miss the mark. Anderson lurches into self-parody in "Black Or Blue" (another track featuring the orchestra) and ends up sounding like Shirley Bassey after a plate of magic mushrooms.

But these are quibbles in the face of an album so touched with genius that they could afford to leave out "Stay Together", the song released earlier this year which remains their best and best-selling single. Even the cover artwork (by Anderson) is stunning, a collection of photographs, none of them too literal, yet each with its own distinct relevance to a particular song and each contributing to the overall resonance of the album.

With *Dog Man Star* Suede have provided an embarrassment of riches and established a new benchmark of excellence in modern rock.

BALLY SAGOO
Bollywood Flashback
(Columbia 477697)

ANGLO-ASIAN producer Bally Sagoo has fingers in a bewildering variety of cultural and musical pies. Born in New Delhi but resident in Birmingham since he was a child, he was raised on a diet of European and American hardcore dance music — everything from Chicago house to Belgian techno — yet remains steeped in the sounds and melodic styles of Asian bhangra and Indian pop.

Already an established star among the British-Asian community, Sagoo laid the foundations of mainstream success with last year's compilation, *On The Mix*, and now takes another big step in the same direction with *Bollywood Flashback*.

The title refers to India's movie capital, and basically the album consists of vocal tracks lifted from popular Indian films, garnished with splashes of tabla and sitar and then spliced to Western dance-floor rhythm tracks. The result is an engaging, and thoroughly unpredictable *mélange* of ethnic vocal modulations and Western beats — ranging from the pneumatic, Giorgio Moroder-influenced thump of "Mehbooba Mehbooba" to the more relaxed hip-hop swing of "Roop Tera Mastana".

GRID
Evolver
(deconstruction 7432122718)

AS THE authors of the ubiquitous "Swamp Thing", which this summer set charts around the world echoing to the unlikely sound of a bluegrass banjo-picker slugging it out with a high-energy techno rhythm track, the Grid have finally emerged from the shadowy underworld of acid house into the glare of the commercial spotlight.

Comprising Dave Ball, previously Marc Almond's partner in Soft Cell and Richard Norris, a DJ and former NME journalist, the duo combine shrewd technical savvy with a refined sense of fun on their third album *Evolver*. Alongside "Swamp Thing" and the two singles released either side of it — "Texas Cowboys" and "Rollercoaster" — there are delights as diverse as "Throb", featuring the guitar riffing of Robert Fripp, and "Golden Dawn" which sets the dramatic tones of opera singer Martyn Sharp against a squeaky-bleepy ambient dub soundtrack.

NANCI GRIFFITH
Flyer
(MCA MCD11155)

IN THE past, Nanci Griffith has straddled the divide between country and folk, but on *Flyer* she sounds as if she has simply got stranded in the middle of the road.

There is support from a pro-celebrity cast, including Adam Duritz of Counting Crows, Emmylou Harris, the U2 rhythm section, and Mark Knopfler, and the performances exude an air of calm competence. But the songs (all but one of them composed by Griffith), lack the emotional resonance so essential to an artist of her ilk. And when she turns her attention to the big issues on "Time Of Inconvenience" such banalities as "I never thought I'd be ashamed to be human" come depressingly thick and fast.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Monster	R.E.M. (Warner Bros)
2	No Need To Argue	Cranberries (Island)
3	The Hit List	Cliff Richard (EMI)
4	Twelve Deadly Cyns	Cyndi Lauper (Epic)
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9	From The Cradle	Eric Clapton (Duck)
10	Parklife	Blur (Food)

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My guilty pink secret

As Pink Floyd prepare to deafen Earls Court, a pop critic makes a shameful confession



Pink Floyd: revered by a whole generation (almost)

A Catholic education instilled several things into me: an ability to whip around the Stations of the Cross in record-breaking time; a compulsion to help elderly nuns across busy main roads; a sometimes unwelcome sense of guilt about this, that or the other.

The usual positive-negative baggage, I suppose, familiar to anyone who ever had the Catechism drummed into them by dusty clerics in dusty classrooms way back when. Which is a roundabout way of explaining why, today, I feel an overwhelming urge to confess to something no critic of popular music should ever admit publicly.

I have never played, let alone owned, a Pink Floyd record. There, I feel better already.

But included in my penance of two Our Fathers and ten Hail Marys is a requirement that I abase myself still further by adding that the same shameful situation exists for me in regard to the Rolling Stones, Genesis, Black Sabbath or any one of a diverse number of other British bands viewed as essential to life itself by their legions of fans.

And very lonely it felt too when at 12 or 13 all my other classmates were labouring with brush and Humbrol paint tin attempting to replicate faithfully the covers of *Deep Purple in Rock* or *The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway* on to the backs of their haversacks.

In the granite-jawed world of northeastern adolescence, doing the same with my copy of Joni Mitchell's *Court and Spark* would have been akin to advertising a death wish, so I refrained. And because my school was single sex, untouched by the civilising influence of girls, nor could I acknowledge my abiding love of soul music.

Of course, the thing about a merciful God is that he invites change, welcomes home the prodigal, allows even an 11th-hour change of heart, which is why I am keeping my fingers crossed about tickets for the coming series of Pink Floyd dates. If a road to Damascas-type scenario unfolds, I may even buy a haversack.

ALAN JACKSON

● *Pink Floyd play London Earls Court (071-373 8141) on October 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29.*

JAZZ

Oh you saxy thing

Steve Williamson
Jazz Café

ALTHOUGH he first came to prominence in the British "Jazz Renaissance" of the mid-1980s, saxophonist Steve Williamson has not only survived into the less jazz-friendly 1990s, but has also succeeded in establishing himself as the nearest thing the British jazz scene possesses to an indigenous representative of the New York music scene known as M-Base (Macro Basic Array of Structured Extemporisation) — a name given by the likes of Chicago-born saxophonist Steve Coleman to a jazz-based style which is attempting to forge what Coleman calls "a modern musical language" out of contemporary street sounds: funk, soul, rap.

Williams met Steve Coleman on a tour with British-born bassist Dave Holland, and employed Coleman as the producer of his debut album, *A Waltz for Grace*.

Since then, like his British mentor, Williamson has been moving "from straight-ahead jazz to a more rhythmic thing, more groove-orientated," for which he needs "musicians who come from a funk background, but who can improvise in a jazz format". Thus, at a packed Jazz Café gig, over a heady brew of relentlessly heavy — at times almost hypnotically robotic — funk, laid down by bassist Anthony Tidd and drummer Tony Mason, he reserved for himself the jazz role, squirting out little disjointed spirals of alto, tenor and occasional soprano playing over the fearsome groove created by his rhythm section.

At this gig, Williamson demonstrated that, despite his undoubted talent and charisma, he has yet to achieve the jazz musician's chief goal: a sound truly his own which facilitates genuine and original self-expression.

CHRIS PARKER

NEW WAVES: THE SOUNDS OF TOMORROW

Glory, glory hallelujah

THERE was no stopping it: young music students struggling all day with the intellectual rigours of 20th-century composition, then spending exquisitely delicate, mournful evenings in the company of AR Kane, the 4AD label back catalogue and David Sylvian.

Allow the passage of a few years for this marinade to mature and out of the jar pops a trio called Glory Box. We will not dwell on the origins of this name, although I have my suspicions. The point is the music, which is more promising than my first paragraph might suggest. Here is one of those bands (or should we call them an ensemble?) that wants to have it all: wistful pop songs, folk music, 1940s avant-garde techniques, modern studio production, post-minimalism, light shows, Indian music and concerts at the very non-rock 'n' roll venue of the Purcell Room.

Arriving through my letterbox within days of an extravagant promotional cardboard box containing the next Steve "bad boy" Martland album of "pop and jazz idioms, Baroque counterpoint and medieval structural principles, Scottish folk music and minimalism", the Glory Box demo tape sounds like another tiny but perfectly formed step in the FM-ing of classical music.

Glory Box's press kit is candid about the influence of 4AD bands such as Dead Can Dance and This Mortal Coil. Nothing is said about lead composer Warwick Blair's valiant stab at being David Sylvian on "Prayer".

Nor is there any specific reference to the hypnotic prepared piano which plunks behind Sara Parry's vocal on "Do No Go At All". Do I notice an exceedingly close resemblance to John Cage's *Sonatas and Interludes* for prepared piano? Undigested influences aside, I look forward to Glory Box being hailed as a thinner, younger alternative to the Three Tenors.

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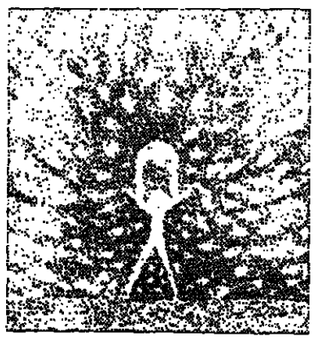
"Universal Mother" is startling, sad, joyous, flawed, the sound of someone back from the brink. One of the albums of the year." MELODY MAKER

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Queen's Bench Division — Law Report October 7 1994 — Court of Arches

Lloyd's names entitled to damages

Deeny and Others v Gooda Walker Ltd (in voluntary liquidation) and Others

Before Mr Justice Phillips

[Judgment October 4]

Lloyd's names who belonged to syndicates which had fared particularly badly as a result of the manner in which the underwriting was conducted by the active underwriters were entitled to recover damages limited to the loss which flowed from incompetence in relation to the writing of excess of loss business.

Mr Justice Phillips so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an action brought by 3,095 names in Syndicates 164, 290, 298 and 299 against 71 defendants who managed the syndicates and the individual members' agents.

Mr Geoffrey Vos QC, Mr Jonathan Gaisman and Mr David Lord for the plaintiffs: Mr Bernard Eder, QC, Mr Mark Templeman, Miss Sara Cockerill and Mr Simon Bryan for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that 1988, 1989 and 1990 were bad years for Lloyd's. In each of those years the market as a whole made a loss but those losses were not borne evenly by the names.

The first and second defendants, to whom his Lordship would refer collectively as Gooda Walker, managed between them four syndicates which fared particularly badly: 164 and 290, managed by the first defendant and 298 and 299 managed by the second defendant.

The plaintiffs in the action were the majority of the names on those syndicates, numbering 3,095. Between them they claimed to have lost some £630 million.

They contended that those losses had been inflicted upon them because the manner in which the underwriting was conducted by the active underwriters for those syndicates was incompetent.

Whether that contention was well founded was the principal issue in the action. If it was, the plaintiffs would have established breach of a duty of care owed to them not only by the first and second defendants but also by the plaintiffs' individual members' agents, who made up the other 69 defendants.

It was common ground that the losses made by the plaintiffs were attributable in large measure to their exposure to a series of catastrophes.

It was the plaintiffs' case that the underwriters were negligent in leaving their syndicates exposed to those catastrophes.

It was the defendants' case that the sequence of catastrophes was unprecedented and unforeseeable and that no blame was to be attached to the defendants for the fact that the plaintiffs were not protected from their consequences.

In the action the plaintiffs had focused on seven catastrophes. They contended that the first two (Hurricane Alicia and UK windstorms in October 1987) were significant in that their impact should have alerted the underwriters to the risk to which they were exposing their names.

The subsequent five (the loss of the Piper Alpha, Exxon Valdez, Hurricane Hugo, Phillips Petroleum and Windstorm Daria) were *relied upon by the plaintiffs as evidencing* the consequences of the defendants' breaches of duty for which they were liable in damages.

In his Lordship's judgment, the fact that a name who joined Lloyd's deliberately agreed to expose himself to unlimited liability did not mean that he anticipated or accepted that when he joined a syndicate the active underwriter would deliberately expose him to the risk of such liability.

On the contrary the name would reasonably expect the underwriter to exercise due skill and care to prevent him from suffering losses.

There was no reason in principle why an underwriter should not write business on the basis that net losses would be made in some years that were balanced by generous profits made in other years.

If, however, an underwriter was deliberately to expose his names to suffering losses from time to time, he must make sure that the names were aware of that and of the scale of loss to which they would from time to time be exposed.

A name, with the assistance of his members' agent, would want to structure his underwriting business in a manner that accorded with his means and with his attitude to risk.

Syndicates at Lloyd's tended to specialise in different categories of business, some of which involving less risk of loss, and commensurately less prospect of reward. A name needed to know the nature of the exposure that he was likely to run by joining a particular syndicate if he was to be able to structure his underwriting business in an appropriate manner.

It was the plaintiffs' case that, in *the absence of a specific warning*, a name would not anticipate that a particular excess of loss syndicate would write in such a way that loss making years would be a natural consequence from time to time. A loss making year would only result from some untoward event or sequence of events for which the underwriter could not reasonably have been expected to provide.

The plaintiffs pleaded, as an allegation of breach of duty, that Syndicates 190, 298 and 299 entered into contracts of reinsurance between themselves. That was alleged to be objectionable because of the proportion of names who were on more than one Gooda Walker syndicate.

Where reinsurance took place between two syndicates on which there were common names, the consequence was to dilute the transfer of risk which the reinsurance was intended to achieve. The extent of the dilution depended upon the degree to which the syndicates were made up of common names.

Where syndicates had a large proportion of common names, so that the dilution of the transfer of risk became significant, it would usually make sense to avoid inter-syndicate reinsurance.

It did not seem to his Lordship that it was possible to condemn inter-syndicate reinsurance as constituting, *per se*, a practice which breached the duty to exercise reasonable skill and care in conducting the business of underwriting.

It had to be considered having regard to all the relevant individual circumstances, not least its potential consequences for the names involved. Those consequences were particularly difficult to assess where the inter-syndicate reinsurance formed part of the complex web of reinsurance transactions that created the spiral [by which the underwriter agreed to cover others against excessive losses from catastrophes].

All that one could say was that the inter-syndicate reinsurance that took place in the present case accentuated the incestuous nature *of the spiral transactions* and diminished the comfort that the active underwriters could take from the apparent protection afforded by the reinsurance cover that they bought.

His Lordship reached a similar conclusion in relation to the pleaded allegation that the underwriters were negligent in doing "a substantial volume of reinsurance business with other syndicates and/or companies who were at one and the same time placing reinsurances with them and accepting reinsurances from them, with the effect that reinsurances were written and placed which effectively cancelled each other out and/or contributed to the LMX spiral". [LMX is underwriting excess of loss cover]

There were common features in the approach to the conduct of excess of loss business by Mr Andrews (Syndicate 298), Mr Willard (299) and Mr Walker (164 and 290). Each of those underwriters had immense experience of the business of underwriting. The approach of each of them to excess of loss underwriting was one that might well be appropriated in other fields of business, the reliance of past experience when estimating risk.

Past experience had to be treated with particular caution in the field of catastrophe excess of loss insurance, for the size and the incidence of catastrophes did not conform to a pattern. The growth of the LMX market in the 1980s and, in particular, the growth of spiral business, raised special problems in relation to the assessment of risk, exposure and rating, that called for special consideration. Some gave it that consideration. The Gooda Walker underwriters did not.

In his Lordship's judgment the plaintiffs were restricted to recovering *damages flowing from in*competence in relation to the writing of excess of loss business but that was not restricted to claiming the losses flowing from the five central catastrophes.

The plaintiffs were entitled to that award of damages which would place them in the same position as if the underwriting carried out on their behalf by each syndicate had been competently performed.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Elborne Mitchell.

Chancellor's ancient jurisdiction

St Luke's Church, Maidstone

Before Sir John Owen, Dean of the Arches, Judge Michael Goodman, Chancellor and Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, Chancellor

[Judgment August 8]

The ancient but ever evolving faculty jurisdiction exercised by a diocesan chancellor as a judge in the consistory court had not been changed by the enactment of section 1 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, for chancellors were not persons carrying out functions of care and conservation but heard and determined a cause of faculty.

The Court of Arches so held when allowing the appeal of the *petitioners, the Reverend Clive* Sampson, vicar of the church of St Luke the Evangelist, Maidstone, and the two churchwardens, Sheila Elizabeth Field and Robert Harvey Williamson, from the decision of Judge Newey, QC, the late Commissary General of the City and Diocese of Canterbury, on November 17, 1993, refusing to grant the faculty sought by the petitioners for the reordering of the church so that worship would be orientated towards the liturgical south side of the building instead of to the east.

Mr Timothy Briden for the vicar and churchwarden petitioners; Mr Andrew Lloyd-Davies for the Kent Archaeological Society; Mr and Mrs R. Dancer, two of the parties opponent, in person; the Victorian Society made written representations.

THE DEAN OF THE ARCHES, giving the judgment of *the court, said that for the hearing* of the present case the Court of Arches sat for the first time in its new constitution.

For centuries, including centuries when it had had a far wider jurisdiction than was now the case, appeals were decided by the Dean *sitting alone. From the time of his* appointment his Lordship had considered that an improvement could be made by sitting as a three-member court.

Following his Lordship's recommendation, which applied equally to the Chancery Court of York in which the Auditor heard appeals in the northern province, paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 to the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 had come into force and brought those recommended reforms into effect.

His Lordship had not intended to create a bank of senior judges, although such a composition could sometimes be appropriate, but a selection for the Dean or Auditor to decide from the whole range of diocesan chancellors. As the number of appeals was likely to be small it was inevitable that few would be selected.

By its approval of the 1991 Measure, which came into effect on March 1, 1993, Parliament affirmed that the ancient but ever involving faculty jurisdiction, exercised by the chancellor as judge in the consistory court, was the appropriate system of control against unwarranted alterations.

It had been suggested in recent cases, such as *In re St Anne's, Wrenthorpe* ([1994] 1 WLR 338, 344) and *In re St Barnabas, Dulwich* (*The Times* January 20; [1994] Fam 124), that the correct approach of chancellors had been changed, or at least affected by section 1 of the 1991 Measure.

However, in the absence of words expressly limiting the wide jurisdiction long enjoyed by chancellors, section 1 could not be said to apply to chancellors since they were *not* persons "carrying out functions of care and conservation".

Rather, in carrying out their functions under the faculty jurisdiction, the chancellors were "to hear and determine a cause of faculty": see section 6 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963.

Section 1 of the 1991 Measure did, however, apply to bodies whose legal function was the care and conservation of churches. Every diocesan advisory committee and the Council for the Care of Churches clearly fell within that category.

In construing the words "the role of the church as a local centre of worship and mission" in section 1 it was permissible to consider not only the interests of local parishioners but also the interests of those regular members of the congregation who did not reside within the parish.

Section 1 did not impose upon those bodies to whom the section applied a duty to treat "the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission" as the paramount consideration. It required those bodies not simply to concentrate upon the effect of proposed works upon the fabric or appearance of the church in isolation but to consider the proposals in the context of and taking full account of the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission.

In deciding upon alterations to a church a chancellor should have in mind that the persons most concerned with worship in a church were those who worshipped there regularly, although other members of the church who were not such regular worshippers might also be concerned.

Where a church was listed there was a strong presumption against change, which would adversely affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest. In order to rebut that presumption there had to be evidence of sufficient weight to show a necessity for such a change for some compelling reason, which could include the pastoral wellbeing of the church.

A distinction had to be drawn between works which followed a particular liturgical fashion, such as the introduction of a nave altar, and which might be acceptable in conservation terms, and works which would adversely affect the character of the building. Such works would have to meet the test of necessity.

Whether a church was listed or not a chancellor should always have in mind not only the religious *interests but also the aesthetic*, architectural and communal interests relevant to the church in question.

Although the present and future needs of worshippers had to be given proper weight, a change which was permanent and could not be reversed was to be avoided wherever possible.

Solicitors: Winckworth & Pemberton, Oxford; Arnold Tuff & Grimwade (with Martin Tolhurst *Partnership), Rochester.*

Power to control tombstone inscriptions

In re Holy Trinity, Freckleton

Before Judge Bullimore

[Judgment July 28]

An incumbent whose policy was to apply the diocesan regulations governing the appearance of churchyard monuments was justified in refusing permission to inscribe a tombstone with the words "dad and grandad" in a particular churchyard because otherwise it would do pastoral damage in his relationship with other families who had been refused such permission.

Judge Bullimore, Chancellor of the Blackburn Diocesan Consistory Court, so held in a reserved judgment when refusing to grant a petition brought by Mr Charles Peter Martin Brown and Mrs Wendy Brown for the introduction into the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Freckleton, a dark grey granite headstone in memory of Frederick Martin Brown, bearing as part of the inscription the words "A devoted and much loved husband, dad and grandad".

The incumbent, the Reverend Stephen Brian, had refused to sanction the concluding words as being unsuitable.

Mr and Mrs Brown in person; the Rev Stephen Brian in person.

THE CHANCELLOR said that in a consecrated churchyard, parishioners and those persons who died within the parish boundaries had a right of burial without *the consent of the incumbent.*

The incumbent could allow others to be buried in that churchyard in certain circumstances and he had in general the right to determine the position where a body or ashes were to be interred.

The right to be buried however did not include a right to erect a memorial to the deceased. A gravestone placed in the churchyard without permission constituted a trespass. Equally a gravestone that *did not comply with the terms of* the permission granted was also a trespass.

His Lordship said that the scope of his judgment was limited. It bound the petitioners and the incumbent and provided a guideline for other churchyards within his jurisdiction, namely the diocese of Blackburn, and coincidentally the diocese of Derby, but at its highest would be only of persuasive force elsewhere.

Most dioceses had regulations, called variously chancellor's regulations or churchyard regulations or diocesan directions, which laid down limits in relation to the size of monuments, the shape and design, the type of materials, and whether kerbs, vases and so on were allowed.

They were designed to encourage what was considered to be good policy and practice and they defined what memorials the parish priest might authorise. If anyone wanted a memorial of a special design, or in a material outside the regulations, then the incumbent had no authority to allow it.

It could not plausibly be argued that the use of "father/grandfather" or similar expressions on a memorial were to be taken as any indication of cool or unaffectionate relationships within a family.

His Lordship did not believe that in references in conversation to a deceased parent within the family "dad" or "mum" were not used, even if "father" or "mother" appeared on the stone.

It was therefore not necessary to use the familiar terms there, in order to express familiar and customary feelings and affections.

Although "dad" and "grandad" were perhaps the most familiar popular words for those family relationships, many others had been used and were used for similar relationships. If the argument was: we want to remember whoever it was by the word used in our family to describe them, then it was impossible to allow "dad/grandad" or "mum/grandma" without equally allowing all those other words still frequently used, with regional variations, like "mom" or "mam" or "da", "grandpa" or "nana".

To allow "dad/grandad" in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Freckleton would destroy the policy the incumbent had followed for the last three years.

It would do pastoral damage in his relationship with those families who had already been refused permission. Also, if the present petition was allowed, the incumbent would not be able to draw a line elsewhere.

Other incumbents might allow such exceptions. They would have to interpret the relevant regulations with a good conscience as they saw right. An issue such as the present case would only come to the chancellor if initially an incumbent refused permission.

Solicitors: Roebucks, Blackburn, for diocesan registrar.

Identification evidence safe

Regina v Williams (John)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment October 4]

Where a prosecution depended solely on the evidence of a single identifying witness who had observed the defendant for one or two seconds from a moving vehicle, on a submission that the case should be withdrawn from the jury the key questions were, what was the quality of the identification evidence and was the quality of the evidence such as to warrant it being left to the jury.

It was not sufficient simply to ask whether it was a "fleeting glance" case: see *R v Turnbull* ([1977] QB 224).

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeal of John Williams against his conviction on February 14, 1994 at Warwick Crown Court (Mr Recorder Wakerley, QC and a jury) of *burglary, on which he was sen*tenced to 21 months imprisonment.

Mr William Davis, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Patrick Darby for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said that the recorder had asked himself the right questions and reached the answer that the defendant's guilt or innocence was a matter for the jury.

In *Turnbull* a number of factual issues were raised which were not present in the instant case which was more akin to *R v Ramsden* ([1991] Crim LR 295), in which the court said, *inter alia*, that "Honest police officers were likely to be more reliable than the general public. . ."

The witness in the instant case was a police constable who had been alerted by his suspicions and who had observed two men walking to a car for some ten or fifteen paces and then specifically the face of one of them, whose face he wished to remember.

When directing the jury the recorder had followed the guidance given in *Turnbull*.

There was no misdirection or failure to direct.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Warwick.

Father's address can be requested but not ordered

In re C (a Minor) (Child Support Agency: Disclosure)

Before Mr Justice Ewbank

[Judgment October 4]

A court had no power under section 50 of the Child Support Act 1991 to give leave to or to direct the Secretary of State for Social Security to disclose information held by the Child Support Agency.

However, on an application under section 8 of the Children Act 1989, a court could request the secretary of state to disclose to a child the address of his father under arrangements contained in *Practice Direction (Disclosure of Addresses)* ([1988] 1 WLR 648).

Mr Justice Ewbank so held in the Family Division, allowing an application by the Secretary of State for Social Security to set aside an *ex parte* order made on August 8 when his Lordship gave leave for the disclosure to C, a boy aged 17 who had applied for contact with his father, of his father's address under section 50(6)(c) and (d) of the 1991 Act. Judgment was given in open court following a hearing in chambers.

Section 50 of the 1991 Act provides: "(6) For the purposes of this section a disclosure is to be regarded as made with lawful authority if, and only if, it is made . . . (c) in accordance with any enactment or order of a court; (d) for the purpose of instituting, or otherwise for the purposes of, any proceedings before a court. . ."

Mr Charles Blake, solicitor, for the secretary of state; Ms Mary Isles for the boy.

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the boy's parents had separated many years ago. The boy now wished to resume a relationship with his father and he had thought that the Child Support Agency would have information as to his father's whereabouts.

At an *ex parte* hearing the boy had submitted that under section 50(6) of the 1991 Act the court had power to give leave to the secretary of state to provide that information.

His Lordship had heard no argument to the contrary and he had given leave to the Child Support Agency to disclose the father's address.

The secretary of state had had several directions made by the court under section 50 to a similar effect. He took the view that the court had no power under section 50 to make such directions. The purpose of subsection (6) was to provide a defence to criminal proceedings, not to provide a general power of disclosure.

Under section 14 of the 1991 Act the secretary of state could make regulations to authorise the disclosure of information in prescribed circumstances.

The secretary of state had drawn attention to the limited power of disclosure under the regulations *that had been made* [Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations (SI 1992 No 1812)] which did not include disclosure for the purposes of an application under the 1989 Act.

The boy had conceded that that was correct and his Lordship had come to the conclusion that it was not open to the court to make orders under section 50 giving leave or directing the secretary of state to disclose information held by the Child Support Agency.

The secretary of state had pointed out that there was another route by which the boy could make his application. Under *Practice Direction (Disclosure of Addresses)* ([1988] 1 WLR 648) arrangements were made whereby a court could request the disclosure of an address by a government department. The arrangements included the tracing of the whereabouts of a person in a case where a custody order was being sought or enforced. A custody order now included any section 8 order made by the court under the 1989 Act.

The present application was made under section 8 and, accordingly, being satisfied that the secretary of state's submissions were correct, his Lordship set aside the earlier order and, under the arrangements made in the *Practice Direction*, requested the secretary of state to disclose to the child's solicitors the address of the father, if known.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; Hereward & Foster, Canning Town.

Power to make order affecting foreign proceedings exists but is unlikely to be used

Phonogram Ltd and Another v Def American Inc

Before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe

[Judgment August 30]

An English court could grant an interlocutory injunction in proceedings which, for reasons of *forum non conveniens*, were to be stayed pending resolution in a foreign court.

However, it would be unusual for an English court to pre-empt *any ruling of the foreign court by* making such an order.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division refusing an application by the defendants, Def American Inc, for an injunction to restrain the plaintiffs, Phonogram Ltd and Def American, from interfering with the exploitation of recordings in the defendants' repertoire.

The substantive proceedings, in which the plaintiffs sought a declaration that a joint venture and licence agreement with the defendants was still subsisting, were stayed by consent pending the outcome of proceedings *concerning the same matters* in the Federal District Court of California.

Mr Joseph Smouha for the plaintiffs; Mr John McDonnell, QC and Mr Simon Barker for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE EVANS-LOMBE said that the defendants had relied upon the decision of the House of Lords in *Channel Tunnel Group Ltd v Balfour Beatty Construction Ltd* ([1993] AC 334), in which the plaintiffs and the defendant had entered into a construction contract containing an arbitration clause for arbitration in Brussels of any disputes resulting from the contract.

The plaintiffs had sought an injunction restraining the defendants from suspending the works. No such injunction could have been made in any arbitration under the contract.

The House of Lords had concluded that the proceedings should be stayed awaiting determination of the substantive issues in the arbitration. Although deciding that there would have been a power to grant the injunction sought although the proceedings were to be stayed, they concluded that the power should not be exercised.

Phonogram contended that whereas the court had such a power in the circumstances where the injunction was being sought in support of arbitration proceedings, albeit foreign arbitration proceedings, there was no such power where the stay had been obtained in proceedings in court on the ground of *forum non conveniens* so that the substantive proceedings, in support of which the injunction was to be obtained, were to be decided in a foreign court as opposed to a foreign arbitration.

Phonogram drew attention to the absence of any authority where the court had made such an order in the absence of a specific statutory power such as that conferred by section 25 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982.

His Lordship was unable to accept Phonogram's contention. There were two questions: the first was whether the court would have jurisdiction to make such an order and the second was whether, having jurisdiction, the court should make the order.

By parity of reasoning with the House of Lords in the *Channel Tunnel* case, there seemed to his Lordship no reason why the court should not have jurisdiction to grant interlocutory injunctions in support of rights claimed in proceedings, where the relevant causes of action were within the jurisdiction of the English court, notwithstanding that for reason of *forum non conveniens* the court was inclined to stay the proceedings pending resolution in a foreign court also having such jurisdiction.

However, it must, in his Lordship's judgment, be an unusual case where the English court would pre-empt any ruling of the foreign court by making such interlocutory orders, which the foreign court might subsequently find to be inappropriate.

That would be particularly so where the foreign court would itself have had power to make such an order.

If the foreign court had no such power, the English court would one would expect be likely to refuse the relief sought on the ground that the applicant was guilty of "forum shopping".

However, his Lordship accepted Phonogram's submission that the defendants had not demonstrated *a case to be tried* that there existed some legal or equitable right for the enforcement of which Phonogram was amenable to the jurisdiction of the court and in support of which right the defendants sought the injunction.

Even on the basis that that conclusion was wrong, his Lordship would not have been minded to grant the injunction sought. It seemed to his Lordship that if the matter was to be dealt with in California, as the defendants wished, then any interlocutory relief should be obtained in that court.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; Richards Butler.

Correction

In *R v Council of Legal Education, Ex parte Halstead and Others* (*The Times* August 3) it was stated that their Lordships had decided to sit as a Divisional Court rather than in their capacity as Visitors to the Inns of Court.

In fact the court was bound by authority to find that the challenge lay exclusively with and to the Visitors in an appellate role, but on the facts of the case they held that their role was supervisory and therefore they approached the question as if sitting in a Divisional Court.

Scholarships and awards at the Inns of Court

Lincoln's Inn

Pre-pupillage awards

Scholarships

Mansfield: John Brennan; David Lightman; Rupert Reed.

Sunley: Alexander Nesbitt; Reuben Pandy, Gregory Pipe.

Wolfson: Joanna Clayton; Prahbjot Kaur; Simon Salzedo; Peter Young.

Tancred Studentships: Alexander Hickey; Edward Lovejoy; David Mitchell.

Thomas More Bursaries: Ian Caplin; Andrew Charters; Benjamin Chataway; William Darbyshire; Sarah Dunn; Stephen Forsey; David Gomez; Richard Hayes; Dean Kershaw; Julian Manning; Andrew Meigh; Ian Mitchell; Thomas Mitchell; June Morris; Hugh Norbury; Michael Paget; Jamie Riley; Anthony Shatz; Joanne Steer; Robert Stokell; Robert Swerling; Suzanne Walker; Jeremy Walton; Fraser Woodward.

CPE Awards: Jonathan Arnold; Natalie Baylis; Denis Chawira; Laura Davidson; Louise Davis; Miles Dorrington; Nicholas Dry; Jeremy Godring; Marcus Greenwood; Douglas Hall; Philippa Hamilton; Sally Hancox; Charlotte Holland; John Law; Anna Markham; Alison Mather; Alexander McGregor; Nicholas O'Brien; Alexander Thornton; Leigh Walters-James; Edward Welch.

Inner Temple

Accommodation awards 1994

Simon Bell; Steven Brown; Anthony Eyres; Alison Harvey; Karen Johnston; Catherine Mackenzie; Mary Malecka; Anne Manasse; Kevin Pettican.

CPE scholarships

Camilla Bingham; Kelly Dolphin; Michael Goodwin; Ian Hope; Jessica Littlewood; Patrick Maggs; Martin McLeish; Thomas Mitcheson; Philip Paschalides; Janet Randall; Paul Tanner; Jamie Whyte.

Majors, Princess Royals and Bursaries

Stuart Adair; Cyril Adjei; William Andrew Allen; Siward Atkins; David Benest; Thomas Boyd; Grace Brown; Jeremy Chipperfield; Manny Chohhan; Darrel Crilley; Jacob Dean; Margot Douglas; Steven Edwards; Guy Foster; Emma Gardiner; Nicholas Goodwin; Richard Hall; Emma Hardinge; Louise Henshaw; Kirsteen James; Debra Jamieson; Haydn Jones; Shona Khan; John Kimbell; Umesh Kumar; Jason Lazard; Richard Lee; Andrew Marrs; James Maurici; David McIlroy; Jonathan Moffett; Dominique Moore; John Moran; Susan Nicholson; Luke Norbury; Sara Jane Owen; Sharon Pacewitch; Shirley Pearn; Daniel Peyton; Matthew Scott; Jane Seddon; Katherine Selway; Timothy Sheppard; Katherine Smith; Simeon Spencer; William Owain Thomas; Andrew Tonge; Nicholas Tse; Patricia Tueje; Ufonde Udeze; Nichola Warrender; Geraint Webb; Thomas Weekes; Tom Weisselberg; Amanda Weston; James Heitz-Jackson.

Middle Temple

Scholars

Queen Mother's Fund: Victoria Bather; Catherine Cowton; Gareth Davies; Thomas de la Mare; Michael Etherton; James Howells; Tamsin Howes; Daniel Jowell; James Miller; Thomas Moody-Stuart; Alison McRae-Spencer; Debra Powell; Alistair Speirs; Claire Toogood.

For CPE Year: Martin Chamberlain; Gavin Tranter.

Diplock Scholars: Victoria Boswell; Paul Buckingham; Euan Burrows; Peter Causton; Jayne Chaplain; Elizabeth Cunningham; Julien Foster; Mark Gleeson; Alexandra Hewitt; Cecilia Ivimy; Paul Laikin; William Metaxa; Aidan Vine; Clare Walker; Peter Wilson; Ian Wilson; T R Restrick.

For CPE Year: Gavin McBride; Duncan Sparkes.

Queen Mother Fox Scholars: Michael Fitz-Taylor; Jonathan Haycock; Jonathan Page.

Harmsworth Scholars: Stuart Baker; Timothy Briggs; Claire Espiner; Nina Goolamali; Emily Haslam; Nicholas Moss; Harsha Shewaram; Kayen Steyn; Elaine Strachan; Thomas Williams; Jane Woodwark; Peter Zombary-Moldovan; Piers Johansen; Alexander Pelling; Nicholas Allen.

For CPE Year: Peter Skelton.

Astbury Scholars: Dominic Brazil; Emma Du Toit; Alexia Durran; Oliver Glasgow; Matthew Lobo; Sarah Lowe; Francis McGrath; Melissa Pack; Sonia Tolaney; Christopher Hall.

For CPE Year: Emma Hogan.

Jules Thorn Scholars: Farah Ashraf; Jason Bartfield; Aida Cable; Daniel Cohen; Christopher Heather; Elizabeth Kendrew; Robert Killeen; Antonia Noble; Matthew Reed; Kelly Robbins; Lyndsey Searle; Beverly Tarr; Glenda Venkatachellum; Elizabeth Webster.

For CPE Year: Sarah Bradley; Christopher Foot.

Benefactors Scholars: O O Agbaje-Williams; Ivor Collett; Marie Demetriou; Georgina Firth; Alexander Glassbrook; Abdul Jinadu; Iain Macdonald; Anwar Nashashibi; Parishil Patel; Thomas Roe.

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Macaskie Awards: Richard Waller, George Brenan.

Lady Shaw Prize: Julia Ellins.

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Dingle Foot Awards: Michael Perkins, Jill O'Halloran.

Weinstock Award: Ivan Pearce.

Ede & Ravenscroft Prize: Jonathan Ellis.

Graham Challis European Award: Carl Gardner.

The Lee Essay: 1st prize: Alan Maclean, 2nd prize: Simon Wilton. Alec Haydon.

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Jacobs on course for world title bout in London

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARY Jacobs, the European welterweight champion, could be boxing for the world title in London next year. Mickey Duff, his manager, has been asked by Dan Duva, who promotes the World Boxing Council (WBC) title-holder, Pernell Whitaker, to find a London venue for the contest, preferably the Albert Hall.

Due to American television schedules, however, March is the earliest that Jacobs could get his chance to dethrone Whitaker.

"I'm hoping Duva will give me something definite next week," Duff said yesterday. "I'll be working to get Gary moved from No 2 to No 1 in the rankings at this month's WBC convention. That way, he will be entitled to 25 per cent of the purse instead of fighting for peanuts."

Jacobs, 28, was impressive in stopping Rusty Derouen, of Mississippi, in the sixth round at Wolverhampton on Wednesday.

Richie Woodhall, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, did just about everything asked of him in his defence against Jacques Le Blanc, the Canadian hard man.

It was Woodhall's first outing since undergoing surgery on both hands last spring, but he was still critical of himself, despite a 120-114½ success. "I wasn't too happy overall; I've been out for seven months and it showed; I was rusty at times," he said.

"I was caught with some silly shots, but my hands felt great afterwards. I knew Le Blanc was a tough lad, so I wasn't going to rush it."

Woodhall wants a European title bout with Agostino Cardamone, of Italy, but his next contest is more likely to be a mandatory defence of his Commonwealth title.

☐ Nevada's Supreme Court has given its approval for George Foreman's world heavyweight title bout with Michael Moorer, the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation champion.

The contest, scheduled for the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on November 5, had been challenged by Joe Hipp, the heavyweight contender, and Roland Jankelson, his manager, who said they had a contract to meet Moorer.

Jankelson said he would let Foreman box Moorer first, but only if there was a guarantee that Hipp would be next in line to meet Moorer.

Foreman is unranked and the WBA did not want to allow him to take a world title bout until it was instructed to do so by the district judge, Don Mosley.



Equipped with all the sophisticated gadgetry money can buy, the young angler waits for a moment which his tender years will prevent him from fully appreciating

Caught unawares by big carp catch before his time

Brian Clarke contrasts the effects of landing the fish of a lifetime on two anglers of very different generations

He was staring out into the middle of the lake focusing, at a guess, on nowhere. He had all the regulation gear: two carbon fibre rods trained like weapons over the water; two regulation rod rests, each armed with an electronic bite alarm and LCDs and buzzers that would let him know if a fish thought about breathing on his bait.

He had two whizz-bang reels. He had bags of commercially-formulated, pre-packaged bait. Of course, he had a "bivvy", the small, omnipresent tent that carp anglers set up regardless of the time of year or the time of day or the weather: a product which, like so much else in carp fishing - gadgetry, symbolises the triumph of marketing skill over angling need.

He was half-kneeling next to a mountain bike that lay on its side, one elbow on his raised knee, chin resting in his cupped hand. He was a fresh, clean-cut lad. About 12 or 13, I guessed. And, though he was too young to know it, he was old before his time.

I had been on the other side of the lake when I heard about him: not fishing, but simply walking quietly by the water; listening, looking, dissolving my own thoughts in the dissolved clouds in the flat calm surface; absorbing it all and being absorbed.

I had been talking to an old man who, for all his not inconsiderable weight, was standing two feet off the ground. After a lifetime's fishing, he had just taken a monstrous carp. It was the kind of carp that is spoken about in whispers when incense is burning. It had been a corpulent carp, as many of them are; and it had streamed off like a befob-watched alderman, cannily knowledgeable about the lie of the local land, certain and unstoppable when up and running. But he had landed it.

The seasoned old man had done what any carp angler would do on the capture of such a fish. He had photographed it, admired it for a lingering moment and set it free. And then he had begun to recount the story of its capture to the starstruck throng that had emerged from the bushes and the bivvies all about. When I arrived, he was, quite properly, sparing them no detail; waxing lyrical over the biggest fish he had caught in a 45-year career: a fish nearer 30lb than 20lb.

And then the news came that the young lad on the far bank had also had a big fish. The older man seemed not to notice and continued with his saga. His audience heard, but was absorbed. After a respectful delay, I dropped back from the edge of the group and sought out the boy. Yes, he said, he had just had a beauty. It was the first carp he had ever had; and he had taken it first-time out. I popped him the question. "Twenty-one pounds. Twenty-one on my dad's scales!"

He was pleased, but not; it seemed, overly so. Accepting is probably the term: accepting, but no more. And then he gazed out over his rods again, trying to concentrate but clearly miles away, thinking no doubt of his great fish returned and perhaps the size of the next fish to come.

In one way, of course, I was delighted. Who would not be delighted for anyone who has caught a 21lb carp? But it was not an unqualified delight because the young lad clarly did not know how big a 21lb carp is. He did not realise that it is a fishing-career long, a young man's ambition wide, many an old man's disappointment deep: the kind of fish a thousand anglers pursue but never see, much less ever catch. Even today, a 21-pounder is a fabulous fish.

There are, of course, some who would not see it so. Carp fishing in recent years has been assailed by a technological madness and a psychological disease. Only numbers matter: numbers defining the ever-more unnecessary specifications of tackle; numbers of fish caught and avoirdupois.

Twenty-pounders are caught regularly from some waters, often enough the same fish over and again. Thirty-pounders are taken somewhere, most weeks. Forty-pounders are taken most seasons. Among the medallion men and the jaded palates, a 20-pounder is an also-ran. But in the real world, it is a glass-case specimen, although people do not put their fish in glass cases any more.

And therein lies the problem for the young lad now. In a properly-ordered world, every angler's "best fish" would get steadily bigger with the passage of time. Ideally, some difficult but achievable milestone would eventually be reached; but only rather late in life, after much effort and anticipation, when the pleasure and significance of it could be appreciated fully.

Certainly, there would be no pole-vaulting leap that would take the roach angler from 12oz to 3lb or the chub angler from 2lb to 6lb, or for that matter, the man I know who is pursuing the gudgeon record from 3½oz weighed and witnessed, to four ounces. No kidding.

Certainly — because it would be too cruel — there would be no move for a carp fisher from nothing to 21lb, just like that.

The carp that the old man caught at nearer 30lb than 20lb was a carp properly caught at the proper time and the pleasure it gave lifted all who saw its captor. The 21-pounder caught by the nice young lad staring out over the water at nothing in particular, was not such a fish. It was the wrong fish in the wrong place at the wrong time: and it had been caught by someone of quite the wrong age.

It may well have left him, for all his youth, with nowhere to go from here.

Challengers seek to undermine Chinese dominance

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHINA and South Korea strengthened their positions at the head of the medals table on the fifth day of the Asian Games in Hiroshima yesterday. There is little doubt that China will finish in first place, but South Korea, led by their wrestlers, are putting up a spirited challenge.

South Korea collected the greatest range of wins with gold medals in gymnastics, wrestling, bowling, swimming and fencing. Their wrestlers also boasted the only clean sweep of the day, collecting the five gold medals on offer to go with three they collected on Wednesday.

And a South Korean gymnast denied China a clean sweep in the competition when Yeo Hong-chul took the men's vault, edging out Li Dashuang, of China.

But there was no denying the power of the Chinese team as they won three swimming and nine gymnastics gold medals to take their total to 43 golds, with South Korea and Japan tied in second place on 17.

In gymnastics, Mo Huilan, 15, won all four women's events, the vault, balance beam, asymmetric bars and floor exercises, for China. For the men, Huang Liping won the parallel bars, Huang Huadong shared the pommel horse gold with a South Korean and a Japanese, Li Xiaoshuang took the floor exercises, Fan Hongbin won the rings and Li Jing won the high bar.

"I'm very satisfied because we won five golds and were able to show all of our abilities," Huang Yubin, China's men's coach, said. "We have worked very hard at creating a good team atmosphere and eliminating problems."

In the pool, China's men took only one gold, but the women kept intact their 100 per cent record of gold medals since the swimming competition started. The combined Chinese total is 14 gold, nine silver and two bronze after 19 events at the Big Wave pool.

The Chinese women's perfect one-two record was spoilt in the 100 metres breaststroke which Dai Guohong won in a Games record of 1min 09.87sec. Her team-mate, Lu Di, was reduced to fourth place by Masami Tanaka, of Japan, who captured silver after a titanic struggle with Dai.

Dai, the silver medal-winner in the 400 metres individual medley and 200 metres breaststroke, said: "If I had been in better shape earlier perhaps I could have won more." China's men had to be content with a gold in the 200 metres breaststroke.

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Nicholls inspired by new challenge

BY ALIX RAMSAY

A CHANGE is as good as rest, so the saying goes, and for Mandy Nicholls, the change she made in the summer, moving from Ealing to Slough, has seen her bounce into the new hockey season rejuvenated, excited and scoring goals.

Last season, at Ealing, she scored one goal in 14 games, a tally she beat with ease in her first outing with Slough, when she knocked in two close-range efforts — poacher's goals — against Clifton.

Last week, she got another, against Hightown. This time, it was a real striker's goal: she rounded the goalkeeper and hammered the ball away.

Now that Nicholls has such a spring in her step, and given England's inability to score goals at the World Cup in Dublin three months ago, it is hardly surprising she is back in the England training squad, working with Maggie Souyave, the new coach.

Although Nicholls had been involved with the international side, on and off, since 1989, winning 33 caps, she withdrew from it last spring. "For whatever reason, I felt things had got a bit tired and staid with England," she said. "But now it's a whole new challenge and I would certainly like to go to the European Cup next summer."

Although Nicholls had been a first team regular with Ealing since 1987, she knew she would have to prove herself at Slough. She arrived at a time when the former champions were looking to strengthen their forward line and has relished the chance to show them what she can do.

"Moving clubs has been the biggest stimulus for me, and with the opportunities we create at Slough I hope I have a chance to establish myself here," she said.

However, at the age of 26 and not known as the most exuberant of characters, Nicholls is hardly likely to suffer delusions of grandeur. Goals are notoriously hard to come by in the National League. "If this was the end of the season and I'd only scored three goals, we wouldn't be having this conversation," she said.

After so long at Ealing, Nicholls still has a soft spot for her old club, now struggling in the first division, and is not looking forward to the possibility of meeting them in a cup match.

"I suppose I'd have to play against them, but I wouldn't want to," she said. "But the time had come to move on. You get to the stage where you're just going through the motions. The way I'm playing now is due to Slough's coach, Ian Jennings, helping me to play to my potential."

As for the game tomorrow against Chelmsford, that, too, will have an interesting twist for Nicholls, as they tried to sign her during the summer. But with Slough at the top of the table on goal difference and playing a side yet to score — much less win a match — Nicholls can expect to finish on the winning side again.

Ipswich, the only other club with maximum points, face a far tougher challenge, against Sutton Coldfield. So, in theory, Slough have the chance to pull ahead by capitalising on Nicholls's sparkling form. "Obviously I'm feeling good right now," she said. "The move has produced the result I was looking for."

Chelmsford must beware.

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Tennis prodigy overwhelmed by No 2 seed in second senior match

Hingis proves no match for power and pace of Pierce

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN ZURICH

THE bubble has burst for Martina Hingis. The 14-year-old was yesterday knocked out of the second round of the European indoor tennis tournament here by Mary Pierce, the second seed and the world's No 5, in a mere 75 minutes. The youngster went down 6-4, 6-0.

Pierce is no stranger to the attentions of the media, although it was focused for once on her opponent. Coincidentally, the spotlight had been trained on her also during the French Open last year when her notoriously ill-mannered father, Jim, was escorted from the grounds and subsequently banned from attending any of her matches.

Four months ago Pierce was hailed as the saviour of a stagnating women's game when she overwhelmed the dominant figure, Steffi Graf, for the loss of only four games in the semi-final at Roland Garros. Although she was beaten in the final, her progress was sufficient to lift her for the first time into the top ten.

She has since sustained her status. The only four opponents to have defeated her — Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Lindsay Davenport, Graf and Jana Novotna — are all themselves in the top ten. Pierce reached the final at Leipzig last week to confirm her form.

This match always promised to revolve around the serve of the 14-year-old. Though it is relatively precise, it is still a flaw in Hingis's game. Until it is a penetrative weapon, she will remain vulnerable against opponents of the highest class.

Patty Fendick, an American ranked 45th in the world, was unable to expose the deficiency in the first round but Pierce treated it with merciless contempt. She broke it twice in the first set to lead 3-0 and was even more ruthless in the second set.

Hingis, performing without fuss and little emotion, was also at times overpowered by her opponent's forcible forehand. As early as the third game, the crowd, sensing that she might need their assistance, started the rhythmic hand-clapping to lift the spirits of the local representative.

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She responded by breaking Pierce's serve but it was the only time she was able to impose pressure and her two-fisted backhand let her down as well. After saving two set points at 5-3 down, she failed to win another game.

Pierce displayed her most earnest face. Consistently employing delaying tactics, she irritated the spectators as she peered assiduously at the strings of her racket and strolled unnecessarily slowly around the back of the court.

She was plainly unnerved by the prospect of being embarrassed by the child on the other side of the net.

Hingis's appearance at Brighton remains in doubt. Ion Tiriac, the organiser of the tournament in Essen, which is to be staged at the same time in a fortnight, was not prepared to offer her a wild card. The sponsors, however, have indicated that they would prefer the star attraction to be in their field rather than on the south coast of England.

Hingis was provided with a convenient opportunity to overshadow the explosive arrival of Jennifer Capriati, the last prodigy with whom she is destined long to be compared. The Swiss phenomenon had already obliterated one notable statistic belonging to her youthful predecessor, who was the youngest holder of a grand slam junior title.

At the age of 12, Hingis broke that record when she captured the French Open last year. In the compact Saalsporthalle and in front of a bigger crowd than had assembled for her triumphant entrance on Tuesday night, she stood to make an even more profound impact among the seniors.

Capriati turned professional three weeks before her thirteenth birthday after the Women's Tennis Council had lowered the age limit specifically for her sake. On her debut, at Boca Raton in 1990, she defeated a player in the top ten, Helena Sukova, in her fourth match and for the loss of only five games.

Hingis had the chance here to claim a notable victim twice as fast but, at this early stage of her senior career, she proved no match for the in-form Pierce.

GARY HERSHORN



Pierce, who exposed the inexperience of her opponent in a 6-4, 6-0 victory

Britons take a tumble

CHRIS Wilkinson and Danny Sapsford, of Britain, who had played excellent tennis in the first two rounds, lost their quarter-final matches in the Irish Open in Dublin yesterday.

David Prinosil, 21, of Germany, beat Wilkinson 6-3, 6-4 to advance to a semi-final match against Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, who defeated Cristiano Caratti, of Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

Wilkinson made a disastrous start against Prinosil, losing the first three games quickly, but as he adjusted to his opponent's fast approach work, Wilkinson began to get back on terms with a series of fine forehand passes. However, Prinosil's power was enough to see him through in 82 minutes.

Sapsford, whose determination to occupy the net had carried him through his two previous matches without the loss of a set, met his match in Arne Thoms, of Germany. Thoms put Sapsford under pressure from the start and won 6-4, 6-4.

Flyers and Panthers skate as favourites

TWO Benson and Hedges Cup ice hockey quarter-finals will be completed this weekend and there is a clear favourite in each (Norman de Mesquita writes). Fife Flyers were the only team to come through the group stage of the competition with a 100 per cent record and they should carry on in that form against Edinburgh Racers, having defeated them twice, by an aggregate score of 17-6.

Slough Jets, the only first division side to qualify for the last eight, face Nottingham Panthers, who beat Sheffield Steelers handily last weekend and appear to have as strong a squad as anyone so far this season. The ties will be played over two legs with Edinburgh and Slough at home tomorrow and the return legs on Sunday.

Radical rethink fails

FOOTBALL: Radical plans to restructure the running of the game in the principality have been rejected by councillors of the Football Association of Wales. A firm of consultants had suggested the creation of a streamlined management board of between four and six members.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Second round draw: Afan Lido v Inter Cardiff; Connah's Quay v Conwy; Cwmbran v Aberystwyth; Llanelli v Ebbw Vale; Llansantffraid v Mold; Maesteg v Caersws or Ton Pentre; Porthmadog v Holywell; Rhyl v Bangor City. *First leg to be played week commencing October 17, second to be played week from November 7.*

Mainly Spain in Athens

TENNIS: Six Spanish players reached the quarter-finals of the Athens International tournament as Jordi Arrese beat Oliver Gross, of Germany, and Oscar Martinez defeated Daniel Orsanic, of Argentina, yesterday. Alex Corretja had an easy win over his compatriot, Jordi Burillo.

☐ Jeremy Bates, the British No 1, was beaten 6-1, 6-1 by Cedric Pioline, the fourth seed, from France, in the second round of the Toulouse tournament yesterday.

Talks on Hong Kong

OLYMPIC GAMES: Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, met Chinese officials in Hiroshima yesterday to clarify Hong Kong's status after it is returned to China in 1997. "We assured Samaranch that Hong Kong can take part in the 1996 Olympics, but after that under a new name and new flag," Wei Jizhong, the secretary general of China's Olympic committee, said. The name must be "Hong Kong China".

Young talent on trial

RUGBY UNION: Some of New Zealand's most exciting young backs will have a chance to force their way into the All Blacks' first World Cup training camp when they turn out for the New Zealand Barbarians against their Australian counterparts in Auckland on October 21.

NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS (from): G Osborne, J Kirwan, J Wilson, W Solutu, T Matson, C Reidham, L Stensness, A Mehrtens, J Preston, M Scott, L Barry, M Carter, R Turner, J Lomu, R Brooke, I Jones, C Barrell, O Brown, P Fatialofa, R Nesdale, S Fitzpatrick.

Lone representative

REAL TENNIS: Mandy Happell, of Australia, is the only woman competing in the Browning Cup, the professional handicap championship, at Oratory School. Happell, who today plays the rapidly improving Andrew Knibbs, of Moreton Morrell, in the first round is one of only two female professionals in Britain. Mike Gooding, the defending champion, is also in action today, against Jonathan Howell, Oratory's head professional.

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Australians set standard for elite league to pursue

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AFTER securing a football-style premier league for next season, thus avoiding a breakaway by leading clubs, several satisfied rugby league club chairmen took in the Australian's match at Headingley on Wednesday night. It proved a sobering experience in the light of their supposed history-making vote.

Development of excellence was the theme of six hours' deliberation. Magnificence summed up the touring team's 48-6 drubbing of Leeds. There is an awful long way to go, and is a premier league of 16 teams really the right direction in which to be heading? With 14 sides or less, perhaps, but a basic name change from the first division hardly constitutes revolution.

By political horse-trading, an evolutionary path was the compromise solution. Clubs in the premier league will have their hands on most of the money and a likely majority of voting powers on the Rugby Football League (RFL) council, but instead of the trapdoor on second-division clubs suddenly opening up, the hand-outs from central funds, which many depend on, will now be gradually phased out before 1999.

For nearly a century, rugby league has tinkered in preference to wholesale change. Maurice Lindsey, the chief executive of the RFL, had little chance of getting the original proposals through.

"It was a bit like the Chancellor having to deliver a balanced Budget, without hitting the rich too hard and not neglecting the poor," he said.

Both objectives were achieved, but having forced the issue originally, Lindsey has been left with a victory for common sense yet hardly dynamism. A split in the game was averted, but apart from some minimum standards on management of clubs and improved ground facilities, to be met within four years, actual development of the sport amounts to a few extra youth officers.

Jonathan Davies returns for Warrington after injury in their premiership game against the leaders, Bradford Northern, tonight.

The problem, identified in the recent GSM marketing report, of too many clubs chasing too small a market, has been swept under the carpet for now.

The pressure of an overloaded fixture list remains in a 16-team premier league. For a game that can barely rub two brass fathings together, the £25 million it expects to receive from the National Lottery to develop ground facilities is the brightest prospect. Another plus is a change to the voting system — still to be voted on — that would concentrate more than half the votes with premier-league clubs.

Future change would be easier with the second-division tail no longer wagging the dog to such an extent. "The changes will be more gradual than thought at first, but this isn't a case of merely repainting the front door," Lindsey said. "We will be putting a concentration on excellence, and encouraging those who want to make it into the premier league to raise their own standards."

It is Wigan's turn tomorrow to face the Australians, who have paid the English champions the compliment of selecting a virtual international team. As the majority of the Great Britain side play for Wigan, the match's label as the fourth unofficial international is no exaggeration.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM (to play Wigan): B Mullins (Canberra); M Hancock (Brisbane), M Meninga (Canberra, captain), S Renouf (Brisbane), W Sailor (Brisbane); L Daley (Canberra), R Stuart (Canberra); D Pay (Canterbury), S Walters (Canberra), T Roberts (Manly), P Sironen (Balmain), B Clyde (Canberra), B Fitter (Penrith). Substitutes: K Wallace (Brisbane), T Brasher (Balmain), D Fairleigh (North Sydney), D Furner (Canberra).

Wales offer berth for world trip

WALES, allocated four places in the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles bowls championship next February, have invited eight players to play-off for one place at the Radnorshire indoor club at Llandrindod Wells on October 30 (David Rhys Jones writes).

Robert Weale, 30, an Englishman who has played for Wales outdoors since 1982, is a relative newcomer to indoor carpets, but he will be playing at his home club and is the favourite to win the qualifying competition.

Five of the contenders are in their twenties, while David Wilkins, who represented Wales in the Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh in 1970 and again at Victoria this year, is the most experienced of those who will be taking part in the play-off.

It is believed that John Price, the national champion, and Jason Greenslade, whom he beat in the Welsh final last year, have already booked their places in the field for the world event.

So, it is thought, has Steve Rees, Price's Swansea club colleague and pairs partner, who last week reached the semi-finals of the Saga international open at the Preston Guild Hall.

DRAW (for Welsh play-offs): N Jones (Opw) v D Kingdon (Llanell); R Weale (Radnorshire) v J R Davies (Port Talbot); D Harding (Cardiff) v A Atwood (Cardiff); D Wilkins (Port Talbot) v D Evans (Eastwood).

Northwich planning to settle score

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THAT eight of their number start each FA Cup season in the first qualifying round is a bone of contention among Vauxhall Conference clubs. Yet a casualty count of five in the second qualifying round did little to promote claims for their collective entry to the fourth qualifying round, the draw for which will be made on Monday.

For the survivors, there is first the matter of the third qualifying round tomorrow. Northwich Victoria play Emley, of the Northern Premier League, with painful memories of their meeting at this stage last year when they went out in a replay at Emley. This season, Northwich are the only unbeaten team in the Conference and pulverised Nantwich Town 10-1 in the previous round.

Emley, meanwhile, are managerless. Steve Codd was relieved of the job two weeks ago and the team will be picked by Mick Parument, a former manager, who is now on the committee.

Telford United have so far needed home replays to get past Tamworth and Halesowen Town. Tomorrow, they travel to Gainsborough Trinity, of the Northern Premier League premier division, whose manager, Gary Brook, wears the No 9 shirt. Brook, 29, who scored a hat-trick in the last round to see off Redditch United, has acquired a solid ally in his first managerial job in Ernie Moss, 44, who had been scouting for Northampton Town since he and Peter Morris left Boston United.

Dover Athletic travel to Chertsey Town, newly promoted to the Diadora League first division, as "the most exalted opponents we've faced in bona fide competition", according to Chris Gay, the club secretary. The anticipation at Alwyns Lane is muted because Chertsey enjoyed a succession of atmospheric needle matches in the three-cornered title tussle last season with Newbury Town and Aldershot Town — and further promotion remains a firm priority.

Chertsey have played in fits and starts this season, rarely finding the free-flowing football that brought them 180 goals in all matches last season. Ricky Hill has, however, adapted well to playing as sweeper in succession to another former England international, Kenny Sansom, now coach at Watford. Hill's main task tomorrow will be to contain David Leworthy, who scored all the Dover goals in their 4-1 win at Molesey in the previous round.

Eagle from Woods helps US to fly high

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN LA BOULIE, FRANCE

THERE was no doubting the most popular golfer as the world amateur team championship, for the Eisenhower Trophy, got under way in languid autumnal sunshine here, just outside Paris, yesterday.

Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, the 18-year-old American amateur champion, drew by far the biggest crowd at La Boulie. No surprise there. Woods is a phenomenon back home and no less so in France.

Woods began at 7.30, when it was cold and damp. He felt ill at ease in a country he has visited only once before, where the food is not to his taste. "All those sauces," he said. "I eat at McDonald's for breakfast, lunch and dinner. I like cheeseburger, hamburger and steak."

By midday a smile had appeared on the face of this Tiger — and it was not that he had thawed out and was looking forward to another hamburger. It was also because he had overcome a shaky start to conclude his round of 70, one under par, with an eagle three and then a birdie. His second on the par five 8th required a shot worthy of Ballesteros. He had to bend it ten yards to get round some trees and he brought it off with as much ease as a Frenchman dipping a croissant in his morning coffee.

It gave his team the good start that they had been expecting from Woods, who is a man separated from his teammates by his extraordinary talents. "Tiger hits the ball better, further and more purely than they do," Grant Spaeth, the American team captain, said on the eve of the tournament.

The day's best was a 67 by Sweden's Fredrik Jacobson, the reigning British youths' champion. Allen Doyle, another of the Americans, had a 68. They demonstrated scant respect for the graceful, stately Vallée course, scoring 11 birdies between them. With John Harris contributing a 70, the United States took the lead with an aggregate of five under par.

After the chill start, conditions were ideal for good scoring — warm sunshine and no wind. But the venerable course still had enough teeth to make it a real test. The speed of the greens — ten on a Stimpmeter for practise — had increased and the rough was as thick, long and tangly as it normally is at a US Open course.

"You've got to hit the fairways otherwise you drop a shot," Gordon Sherry, played for Great Britain and Ireland, noted after his 72. Too often, he did not. Like Woods, he had been up well before first light. Like Woods he had begun at the 10th, a long downhill par three. And like Woods he missed the green and bogeyed the hole. "I got the six o'clock bus here" Sherry said. "At that time in the morning it was freezing, freezing, freezing."

Lee James, with a 69, led the way for Great Britain and Ireland, hitting most fairways and most greens but taking 32 putts. This is too many but it was fewer than Stephen Gallacher, who had something of a nightmare, three-putting four times. His 73, made up of halves of 34 and 39, was the round discounted.

Warren Bennett's 72 helped Great Britain and Ireland to an aggregate of level par and fourth place, five behind the US, three behind Sweden and one behind Australia.

Bennett complained that he had no rhythm at all. "All you have to do is to hit it straight," the tall Englishman said. "I am not playing well enough to do that. My shots were either at the stick or wide of the green. This was the worst I have played all year."

It has been a long year for Bennett, who next month will go to the European Tour school to try for his card to become a professional. The year began with him winning the centenary Australian Amateur and there has been no respite since. One hopes he has not burned himself out for the present. Great Britain and Ireland need him to play well.

Colin Montgomerie and Corey Pavin have been invited to play in the Johnnie Walker world championship in Jamaica, from December 15 to 18.

Ale-fellows-well-met toast victory

BY MEL WEBB

THE winners of the North West regional final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge at Mere yesterday ensured themselves of a warm welcome when the national final is held in Spain late next month, especially if they take a supply of their company's product with them.

The triumphant quartet came from The Boddington Pub Company, which operates nearly 500 public houses in the North West. They were a cheerful lot — and so would most men be if they worked close to an endless supply of ale.

Boddingtons had a score of 90 Stableford points to win by three from Arthur Andersen, with Barclays Life Assurance third, a further point behind.

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90: The Boddington Pub Company.
87: Arthur Andersen.
86: Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd.
85: H Turner and Son Ltd.
84: Imperial Tobacco Ltd; TSB Bank plc.
83: Shell Chemicals (UK) Ltd.
81: Halliwell Landau.
80: The Derbyshire Building Society; Hoare Govett.
79: Orchard Toys; Paramount plc.
78: SCC Ltd; Stanley Leisure Organisation plc.
77: ARMS Manchester.
76: J Howitt & Son Ltd.
75: BASF plc (Colours and Specialties Division).
74: FEB Ltd.
73: Henry Dieper & Co Ltd; Etemit Clay Tiles Ltd.
68: SK Construction Co.
67: Integrated Engineering Projects Ltd.
63: Hodgsons.
No return: Central Television; Tecno Group plc.

Mere, a few miles from Knutsford, was in superb shape for the time of the year, and the whole field had kind things to say about the condition of the greens, which were faster than most would be in this part of the world in October. Good drainage had left the course dry after recent heavy rain in Cheshire.

Boddingtons got off to a magnificent start when Peter Seredyn, a 12-handicap member of Blackpool Park, went left into greenside sand but recovered by holing a bunker shot from 40 feet for a birdie four, which, with the shot he had on the hole, gave him a net eagle three and four points.

From then on, the four, who had never played as a team before, dovetailed neatly into a cohesive unit, and with a little more luck would have handsomely exceeded their total — eight times on the back nine they lipped out with point-scoring putts.

They still managed to pick up 46 points on the front nine, however, and gathered 44 on the inward half for the second-best winning score to date.

After picking up seven points on the 1st, they repeated the feat on the par-three 12th, primarily due to Mike Bradshaw, who hit a four-iron to seven feet then sank the putt for a two, net one, for four points.



MICHAEL POWELL

Lucy Izquierdo, of Hodgsons, follows through at Mere, Cheshire, yesterday

Despite scoring at least four on each hole, Boddingtons did not expect to win. "We thought we'd need at least 95 to win," Lloyd said. "We had never played the course before, so we just played it as we saw it. We thought we might finish in the top five with 90, but we never expected this. We're absolutely stunned to have got this far.

"We entered the Challenge last year and reached the regional final at Fulford. We thought then that it was a great event. We were committed to it when we first played, and it's certainly going to be an important part of the days we hold in the future."

The golf day that put the team into the regional final was at Lytham Green Drive in August, when 96 players performed in a charity event that, for the second year, raised more than £3,500 for Destination Florida, which sends deprived children on holiday to Orlando, the home of Disney World. If that gave them a warm glow, it was as nothing compared with the feel-good effect of success on the course yesterday.

Sponsor's contract with Daly put in abeyance

JOHN Daly, who withdrew from the PGA Tour last month because of personal problems, has lost his sponsorship deal with Wilson Sporting Goods. The company said it had suspended its contract with the big-hitting American, one of golf's most popular players.

Wilson said it would resume its relationship with him under a "restructured agreement" once the company was satisfied Daly had met "specific behavioural and performance objectives." The company did not elaborate on those requirements.

"Wilson has been very supportive of me during my career, so I understand and support the company's decision," Daly said.

"In the months ahead, I plan to practice and prepare myself as much as possible so that when I return to professional competition I will play and conduct myself at the level Wilson and my fans have come to expect. I hope to have everyone's support now and in the future."

Daly's career has been troubled since he won the PGA tournament in 1991, at one point being ordered into alcohol rehabilitation. He was suspended for three months last November and then withdrew from the tour last month because of physical and mental problems, saying he would not play again until January. Reebok, another of his sponsors, suspended its contract with Daly at that time.

☐ The Hyatt La Manga complex — venue for last week's Spanish Open — is to host the new WPG European Tour qualifying school.

The rapid growth of the tour over the past two years has made it necessary to reorganise the entry system for 1995.

Players outside the top 80 on the order of merit at the end of the season must attend qualifying school in March to secure a place on next year's professional circuit.

The P&O-owned La Manga complex already serves as a winter base for tour players.

☐ Corey Pavin, of the United States, shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday taking a one-stroke lead in the Tokai Classic International Open over Hisayuki Sasaki, of Japan — who is winless in eight years as a professional.

Pavin, 33, who won the Los Angeles Open this year, shot four birdies over the 7,089-yard, West Course of the Miyoshi Country Club in central Japan.

Whitbread expands and charts rigorous new course

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

MORE than 30 yacht crews are expected to enter the next Whitbread Round the World Race, in 1997, which will trace a new course that encompasses Cape Town, either Sydney or Melbourne, a South American port, Baltimore and La Rochelle or Lorient before returning to Southampton in June 1998.

According to Ian Bailey-Willmot, the race director for the 31,500-mile ocean grand prix, interest in the seventh Whitbread race is running at a record level and the talk is of the fleet of 35 60-footers. "That is about the limit some of the nine ports can handle," he said.

Cape Town, which has not been visited by the Whitbread fleet since 1985, makes a welcome return as the first port of call. However, crews will be forced to sail the clipper-ship route, skirting round the southeast trades because of concern that the existing fleet of Whitbread 60s could not withstand two weeks of beating into those head winds.

"We will put a gate in the course to make the fleet sail the longer route because we don't want to make existing boats obsolete," Bailey-Willmot said. More important, perhaps, a navigation way-point close to the South American coast will also provide a focal point for television cameras and provide a clear indication of who is leading a fleet that might otherwise be spread across the Atlantic.

What follows is a 4,000-mile dash through the roaring forties to Fremantle before calling at an east coast Australian port and a short sprint across the Tasman Sea to Auckland. Four ports, Mar del Plata, in Argentina, the Uruguayan resort of Punta del Este and two Brazilian ports, San Sebastian and Salvador, remain in the frame as the stop-over in South America.

Fort Lauderdale is retained as the prime port of call in the United States, but the race will also call at Baltimore, 830 miles north, for the first time.

Brittany is another departure from the traditional course, but the high profile that the sport enjoys in France could not be ignored. In previous races, the winner has always been the fastest boat around the world, but this could also change to a points system for each leg.

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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Quarter-final, first-leg: Colo Colo (Chile) 2 São Paulo 1; Estudiantes de la Plata 1 Cruzeiro 0. Gremio 1 Independiente 1.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Group E: Payasandu 1 Vasco da Gama 0. Relegation play-off: Atletico Mineiro 3 Uniao São João 0.
SCHOOLS: Harrodian 2 Kew College 0.
Wednesday's results
COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Arsenal 2 Campbell Hartlepool 0 (Arsenal win 7-0 on agg); Barnsley 0 Newcastle 1 (Newcastle United win 3-1 on agg); Bolton 1 Ipswich 0 (Bolton win 4-0 on agg); Burnley 1 Liverpool 4 (Liverpool win 6-1 on agg); Coventry 3 Wrexham 2 (Coventry win 5-3 on agg); Leicester 0 Brighton 2 (Leicester win 3-0 on agg); Manchester City 4 Barnet 1 (Manchester City win 4-2 on agg); Manchester United 2 Port Vale 0 (Manchester United win 4-1 on agg); Portsmouth 1 Everton 1 (Everton win 4-3 on agg); Queens Park Rangers 2 Carlisle 0 (Queens Park Rangers win 3-0 on agg); Southampton 4 Huddersfield 0 (Southampton win 5-0 on agg); Torquay 0 Wimbledon 1 (Wimbledon win 3-0 on agg); West Ham 2 Walsall 0 (aet; 1-0 after 90 min; West Ham win 3-2 on agg); Wigan 0 Aston Villa 3 (Aston Villa win 8-0 on agg).
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage: Group A: Atalanta 1 Notts County 1, Swindon 3 Lecce 1; Venezia 2 Wolverhampton 1. Group B: Middlesbrough 1 Cesena 1; Piacenza 1 Derby 1; Sheffield United 3 Ancona 3; Udinese 1 Stoke 3.
B & O CUP: Quarter-final: Montrose 1 Kennedy Clydebank 2 (aet; 0-0 after 90 min).
FA VASE: Preliminary round: Second replay: Hanwell 0 Harlow 2; Calne 0 North Leigh 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 1 Bishop Auckland 4; Boston Utd 2 Guiseley 2; Droylsden 2 Gainsborough 5; Winsford 2 Marine 2. Challenge Cup: First round: Casmarton Town 3 Mossley 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Cambridge City 2 Grantham 1; Dudley 1 Redditch Utd 1, Fareham 2 Havant 0; Salisbury 2 Bashley 2; Sittingbourne 0 Crawley 1; Solihull Borough 1 Burton Albion 1; Yate 0 Cheltenham 1.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Sudbury Res 0 Hadleigh 3.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round qualifying: Staines Town 2 Welwyn Garden City 1.
SCHOOLS: English schools International trial: South East England 1 East Anglia 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bingp Town 0 Thackley 3.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Kaiserslautern 1 Bayern Munich 1.

ASIAN GAMES

HIROSHIMA: Finals

DIVING: Men: Platform: J. Sun Shuwei (China). 679.74pts. Women: 3m Springboard: 1, Tan Shuping (China) 605.82.
FENCING: Men: Team Foils: South Korea
GYMNASTICS: Men: Floor: 1, Li Xiaoshuang (China) 9.725pts. Pommel horse: Equal 1, Lee Jang-Hyung (S Korea), Huedong Huang (China) and Y Hatakeda (Japan) 9.750. Rings: 1, Fan Hongbin (China) 9.750. Vault: 1, Yeo Hong-Chul (S Kor) 9.643. Parallel bars: 1, Huang Liping (China) 9.787. Horizontal bar: 1, Li Jing (China) 9.812. Women: Vault: 1, Mo Huilan (China) 9.756. Asymmetric bars: 1, Huilan 9.900. Beam: 1, Huilan 9.875. Floor: 1, Huilan 9.925.
SWIMMING: Men: 200m breaststroke: 1, Wang Yiwu (China) 2min 14.66sec 400m freestyle: 1, B Seung-hoon (S Korea) 3:54.72. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, Japan (H Fukuda, M Ando, M Usami, Y Matsushita) 3:23.80. Women: 100m butterfly: 1, Liu Limin (China) 58.38. 100m breaststroke: 1, Dai Guohong (China) 1:09.87
TEN-PIN BOWLING: Men: Doubles: 1, K Tagata and H Yamamoto (Japan) 2,607 pts. Women: Doubles: 1, Kim Sook-Young and Kim Young-Sim (S Korea) 2,470
TENNIS: Women: Team: Japan 3 Indonesia 0
WEIGHTLIFTING: Men: Under 54kg: 1, Lan Shizhang (China) 117.5, 147.5 265.0. 382kg; 1, Chun Byung-Kwan (S Kor), 135.0, 180.0 295.0. WRESTLING: 52kg: 1, Min Kyung-Geb (S Korea). 62kg: 1, Choi Sang-Sun (S Kor), 74kg; 1, Han Chee-Ho (S Kor). 90kg: 1, Ueom Jin-Han (S Kor) 130kg: Yang Young-Jin (S Kor).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN KORAC CUP: Second round, second leg: Estudiantes Madrid 63 (Smith 20, Herreros 17, Williams 10) Manchester Giants 53 (Gordon 16, Robinson 13, Boden 12) (Madrid win 143-128 on agg)

BOXING

WOLVERHAMPTON: Commonwealth middleweight championship (12 rnds): Richie Woodhall (Telford) bt Jacques Le Blanc (Can) pts. Light-middle (8 rnds). Robert Wright (Dudley) bt John Bosco (London) rsc 7th rnd. Welter (10 rnds) Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bt Rusty Derouen (US) rsc 6th rnd. Cruiser (8 rnds): Robert Norton (Stourbridge) drew with Chris Welles (Doncaster).

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Regional qualifying round: Long Ashton, Bristol: 285: Millfield (B Caulfield 77, A Hodges 76, T Rawlings 80). 242: Churchill. 243: Marling. Best individual: M Keogh (New College, Swindon) 70. Moortown, Leeds: 242: Guiseley School (M Wood 83, P Laing 75, A Hall 84). 244: Huddersfield New Coll. 245: Rhodesway 245. Best individual: G Marsden, Queen Elizabeth GS 72. Leicestershire GC: 234: Oakham (R Duck 73, T Sweet 77, T Duck 84) 248: Roade. 250: Loughborough GS 250. Best individual: R Duck (Oakham School) 73. Alton: 259: Alva Academy (A White 80, A Forsyth 90, P Shearer 89) 259: La Bari HS 260. 264: Portobello HS. Best individual: A White 80. Hamilton: 201: Lenzie Academy (A Aitken 67, A Young 67, D McDonald 67) (over 15 holes). 207: St Aidan's HS 210: Larkhall Academy. Best individual: F McLaughlan (Coltness HS) 63.
WORLD RANKINGS: (US unless stated): 1, N Price (Zim) 22.06pts, 2, G Norman (Aus) 20.83, 3, N Faldo (GB) 18.73; 4, B Langer (Ger) 15.85, 5, J M Olazabal (Sp) 14.81; 6, F Couples 13.88; 7, E Els (SA) 12.81. 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.33; 9, C Pavin 10.86, 10, D Frost (SA) 10.53. 11, M Ozaki (Japan) 10.45; 12, T Kite 9.58; 13, I Woosnam (GB) 8.81; 14, T Lehman 8.59; 15, S Ballesteros (Sp) 8.55; 16, V Singh (Fiji) 8.50. 17, M McNulty (Zim) 8.35.
RYDER CUP: United States standings: 1, L Roberts 424.000pts. 2, C Pavin 402.500. 3, T Lehman 372.500. 4, P Mickelson 292.364; 5, F Kite 278.250. 6, F Zoeller 257.500; 7, J Cook 228.500. 8, B Faxon 222.500; 9, M Springer 216.364 10, J Maggert 211.893; 11, H Irwin 198.500. 12, S Hoch 191.625.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR MATCH: Leeds 6 Australia XIII 48.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Swansea 45 Bridgend 15. Club matches: West Hartlepool 54 Northern 12, Aberavon 13; Maesteg 10 Llanelli 44, Middlesex Clubs 18 HM Prison Service 7
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Exeter 26, Kelly Coll 15; Penn 7 The Leys 25, Barnard Castle 6 Yarm 12; Cardiff 0 Bassaleg 64, Epsom 11 Eastbourne 0, Oratory 20 Douai 6, Wellington Sch 24 Graeme College (SA) 22, Seaford 15 St George's 13; St George's 27 KCS Wimbledon 7 Representative match: Shropshire Under-16 5 Staffordshire Under-16 27. Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: First round: Bromsgrove 36 Nottingham 5; St Benedict's 35 Gunnersbury 11, Henley 0 RGS, High Wycombe 64, King's, Ely 13 Hinchingbrooke 10; Bassaleg 22 Hawthorn 20.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Cradley Heath 48 (P Nahlin 14, G Hancock 10) Coventry 48 (B Andersen 12, S Tracey 9) Eastbourne 36 (S Andersson 12, D Barker 12, D Norris 11) King's Lynn 38 (B Ott 13, M Loram 12) Challenge match: Poole 51 Exeter 45

SQUASH

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey: Women's world open: Second round, L Charman (Eng) bt M Le Mesignan (Eng) 9-2, 5-9, 9-7, 8-6, F Geaves (Eng) bt T Weeks (Aus) 4-9, 9-0, 9-2, 9-4, L Irving (Aus) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-0, 9-3, 9-2, S Schoene (Ger) bt J Wilson (NZ) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; C Jackman (Eng) bt D Holleran (US) 9-7, 9-1, 9-4; C Owens (Aus) bt D Leeves (Eng) 9-5, 9-2, 9-4, J Martin (Eng) bt H Van Hoorn (Hol) 10-8, 9-3, 9-7; V Cardwell (Aus) bt L Marsh (NZ) 9-5, 6-9, 9-3, 8-10, 9-5. Third round: L Irving (Aus) bt L Charman (Eng) 9-0, 9-6, 5-9, 9-6; F Geaves (Eng) bt S Schoene (Ger) 9-5, 8-10, 9-5, 9-3; C Jackman (Eng) bt V Cardwell (Aus) 9-4, 9-4, 9-0, C Owens (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng) 9-3, 9-1, 9-4

TENNIS

ATHENS: Men's tournament: Second round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, J Sanchez (Sp) bt V Spadea (US) 6-2, 6-1; M Ondruska (SA) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; F Clavet (Sp) bt G Marcus (Arg) 6-4, 5-7, 7-5. J Arrese (Sp) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, O Martinez (Sp) bt D Orsanic (Arg) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, A Corretja (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, C Amiens (Ger) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-1, 6-4
SYDNEY: Men's indoor tournament: Second round: J Tarango (US) bt R Reneberg (US) 7-5, 6-4, M Woodforde (Aus) bt B Black (Zim) 6-3, 6-0, J Stark (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-2, 6-4, A Knowles (Ln) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 7-6, 7-6, P Rafter (Aus) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, N Kulti (Swe) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-2, 6-3
TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: First round: D Vacek (Cz) bt P Gauthier (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, G Forget (Fr) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-3, 6-3. Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt L Mattar (Br) 7-5, 6-4, O Delaitre (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, C Pioline (Fr) bt J Bates (GB) 6-1, 6-1, B Karbacher (Ger) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 7-5, 6-7, 7-5
DUBLIN: Men's tournament: Second round: A Thoms (Ger) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, R Vasek (Cz) bt S Simian (Fr) 7-6, 6-3, H-J Davids (Hol) bt J Winnink (Holl) 6-2, 6-3. D Prinosil (Ger) bt C Saceanu (Ger) 6-2, 7-6. Quarter-finals: M Damm (Cz) bt C Caratti (It) 6-4, 6-4; D Prinosil (Ger) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-3, 6-4.
ZURICH: Women's indoor tournament. First round: M Pierce (Fr) bt L Neiland (Lith) 6-3, 6-3; I Majoli (Cro) bt K Rackford (Aus) 6-2, 6-1, M Oremans (Hol) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-3, 7-5. Second round: L McNeil (US) bt L Raymond (US) 6-1, 6-2, M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Werdel (US) 6-1, 3-1 (ret).
NOTTINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: Quarter-finals: R Wassen (Holl) bt N Gould 6-3, 6-4, A Pretzsch (Ger) bt B Cowan 5-7, 7-6 6-4, D Skoch (Cz) bt G Dresic (Cro) 6-2, 6-1, P Parta (Cz) bt C Schalkes (Ger) 6-4, 7-5. Women: Quarter-finals: I Tasach (Fr) bt J Ward 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; L Ahl bt F Lishman 6-1, 6-1, A Sabbi (Ger) bt G De Nicale (It) 6-1, 6-1, E Bond bt T Karsten (Ger) 7-5, 6-4.

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Richard Evans talks to the top trainer in Europe, whose methods are based on simplicity

Enigmatic Fabre hailed as genius of his generation

André Fabre chuckled softly after saying it, but the words will be no laughing matter for his contemporaries around the globe. The man who sent out a third Arc winner on Sunday to underline his position as the top trainer in Europe, confided: "I hope to do a little better than I am doing at the moment. There are a lot of races I have not won."

On an overcast autumn morning, Fabre was doing what he enjoys most, watching some of his 230 horses exercise on the tree-lined gallops at Chantilly. Carnegie's victory remained fresh in the mind but he was concentrating on the thoroughbreds walking by. As always he was trusting his eyes to confirm the horses were happy and well. *Were they alert? Did they look* dull and avert their gaze, often the tell-tale sign of a sickening animal?

The picture seemed to epitomise Fabre: a hard-working master of his craft and utterly dedicated professional. "I am thinking exactly the opposite," he said. "I am really an amateur in the Latin sense of the word. I love what I do; I am not very professional. I am quite lazy. I pretend to work but I don't really. I just do what I like."

To many, Fabre is an enigma. Through his achievements on the racecourse, he is known by every racing fan on both sides of the Channel and beyond. A trainer for only a third of his 48 years, he regularly sends out more group race winners than the combined total achieved by his closest rivals. The English and French Derbys have frustratingly eluded his grasp, but his exploits in North America, where his victories include the Arlington Million, the Oak Tree Invitational, the Rothmans International, the Breeders' Cup Turf and, most spectacular of all, the 133-1 success of Arcangues in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic, mark *him out as a genius of his* generation. Yet few people truly know the man.

He has a genuine affection and admiration for England, not just for the racing, but its literature, history and people. Invariably



Fabre keeps a watchful eye on his string for any hint of problems as the horses work on the Chantilly gallops. Photograph: Julian Herbert.

dressed on the racecourse in a smart pinstripe suit, he is courteous to one and all, including the British racing press. "There is no reason why I should not be, but there is an excellent reason for the opposite in France, where the racing press is the monopoly of *Paris Turf*. It is a sort of *Pravda*, and an intolerant *Pravda. I am a tolerant man, so I* don't want to deal with them." And he has not, for more than a decade.

Such an individual and free-thinking spirit does not court popularity, but tends to be a target of criticism, most recently from Louis Romanet, no less. The best known civil servant in French racing chided Fabre for supposedly failing to attend post-race presentations or "give something back to the racing public."

The response is deadly. "I have three trophies for the Arc and on three occasions I was there. M Romanet probably didn't notice me because he was probably considering the deficit gap of the Société d'Encouragement [French Jockey Club] which has been created under his direction. You cannot treat trainers like naughty and immature boys for ages and ask them then to act like adults."

Fabre's remarks highlight a deep dissatisfaction with the "very unhappy state" of French racing and some of those responsible for running it: a dissatisfaction matched, perhaps, by a sense of helplessness at being unable to effect much-needed change. He is reluctant to be drawn, repeating, somewhat self-mockingly, that he is just a trainer. But the hints he drops are clear.

"*In some countries if you do* something wrong you lose your position. It happens to trainers. Perhaps it is the key to the problem. I think you cannot do anything right without the right people. In England, the crisis of racing is financial and it is very deep but at least you have new people. In France it is more difficult."

People rather than structures needed to change. "That *is* my opinion. I don't have a Marxist point of view," he added.

As Fabre spoke, Lexington Star, an unraced daughter of Sadler's Wells, galloped past. In keeping with her breeding and trainer's methods, she is being given time to mature, to enable her to realise the potential which has already caught Fabre's expert eye.

His training methods underline the value of simplicity. "I always try to go to the basics. Give a good diet to the horse, give him time if he needs it; a good, happy life, as natural as possible; good bedding and good food and the work that suits him. It seems easy to say but it is more difficult to go back to the basics, the simple things.

"Keep a horse's mind happy, above all. It is as much training their mind as their body. It is easy to be kind to them. You must give them the proper work and give them confidence, just like your own children. When they do well, pat them and teach them, never beat them. The regret of my riding career is all the cracks I gave to horses."

Fabre also avoids the use of vets or medication, unless absolutely necessary, and carries out few blood tests, preferring to trust his eyes when judging a horse's health. For the past four years, his string has been hit by a virus, and a particularly bad attack was responsible for a quiet start to this season. "I have been lucky enough to find the right way to deal with the virus. Rest them. Discover it early, find out what's wrong, and rest them. Let them walk and allow nature to take its course."

His preference for nature's way, learnt from André Adele, for whom he rode and worked as an assistant in the 1970s, is combined with a deep concern about the dangers to the breeding industry posed by the use of drugs in the United States, especially Lasix which is administered widely to horses with a tendency to break blood vessels. "If you breed a mare who bled to a sire who bled what are you going to give the offspring? Super-Lasix?"

Drugs aside, he is a great fan of racing in America, and would love to see Europe create its own movable Breeders' Cup, preferably during the winter months. "There are some places in Europe where the weather is fine in the winter, such as the south of France, Spain and Italy. We need a winter meeting; we cannot afford anymore to have nearly a five-month break. It should take place in December, January or February."

Had he suggested the idea to the relevant racing authorities? Fabre, who rates Zafonic and Trempolino as the best two horses to have passed through his hands, was quick to respond. "I am not a *member of a committee. I just train* the horses."

Johnson supportive after cup defeat

Everton chairman grants Walker vote of confidence

By Peter Ball

MIKE Walker, the beleaguered Everton manager, received the traditional chairman's vote of confidence yesterday. Peter Johnson rallied to the defence of his manager after the side's unlucky last-minute exit from the Coca-Cola Cup at Portsmouth on Wednesday.

For once, however, the chairman's support did not sound like the last rites usually applied to a manager. "I've been very impressed with the way the team played in the last two games," Johnson said before departing for Southampton, where Everton have a crucial FA Carling Premiership match tomorrow.

"I feel perhaps we are seeing the first signs of recovery. Against Portsmouth they played in the manner you would expect from a team managed by Mike Walker."

Most neutral spectators agreed that the team was unlucky to come up against Alan Knight, the Portsmouth goalkeeper, in spectacular form only four days after meeting Peter Schmeichel in equally defiant mood at Old Trafford.

Although a cup exit at the first time of asking is an expensive one, the indications yesterday were that the performance had strengthened Walker's position. However,



Walker: under fire

he may still need a good result rather than a good performance at Southampton to feel secure.

Walker and Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, are separated by virtually the whole of the Premiership, but Ferguson's problems mounted yesterday when he learnt that Roy Keane will need an operation on the nagging groin injury he sustained during the World Cup.

"The problem has lingered since he played in the States, and he has done well to keep going for so long," Ferguson said. "We will keep giving him treatment and special training in the hope that we can get a couple more games out of him before surgery."

The date of the operation has been fixed for the day after the first European Champions' League match with Barcelona at Old Trafford in 12 days' time. A six-week recuperation period means Keane will miss the second match two weeks later, Ireland's testing visit to Belfast in the European championship, and a series of important domestic games, including a meeting with Blackburn and two, in the Coca-Cola Cup and the Premiership, with Newcastle in the course of four days.

In the meantime, Ferguson is trying to keep Keane going. He may play at Hillsborough tomorrow, but he is likely to miss Ireland's undemanding match against Liechtenstein in Dublin, although last night Jack Charlton said Keane was still in the squad. "I've had no word to say he won't play," the Ireland manager said.

Keane's situation is further evidence, if any were needed, to support Ferguson's decision to play his youngsters in the Coca-Cola Cup. What team he will pick against Newcastle remains to be seen, but the implication yesterday was that he will stick to his guns.

With Cantona and Kanchelskis on international duty, and Parker, Ince, Hughes, Irwin and Giggs all troubled by injuries, as well as Keane, the team which disposed of Port Vale on Wednesday could be justified, and the Football League reacted more temperately yesterday than it did after the first leg.

"We are still awaiting United's observations on the team which played in the first leg, but we look at the teamsheets for all matches and if it is felt appropriate that action needs to be taken it will be taken," a Football League spokesman said.

Ferguson received vocal support from his opponents in the next round. "I think Alex has been spot on in playing the kids," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said yesterday. "He has been very clever. His youngsters do need games, and I feel the same way at times about the young players I have here. If he had put his first team out, who is to say they would have scored more than four goals against Port Vale?"

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

PAKHAL

(a) A vessel for carrying or keeping water, specifically a waterskin of leather. From the Hindi, *cf. puckauly*. "A couple of mules *laden with metal pakhals of water.*"

PROBIT

(c) The unit which forms the scale into which percentages may be transformed so that data evenly distributed between 0 and 100 per cent become normally distributed with a standard deviation of one probit. A term of statistics from *probability + unit*. "This distance from the mean measured in standard deviations is called a 'probit'."

PAYNE'S GREY

(b) A composite pigment composed of blue, red, black and white permanent pigments, used especially for watercolours, an eponym of William *Payne* (fl. 1800), English artist. + *grey*: "The embellishment of the same green, sometimes with a touch of Payne's grey, fields."

RECORTE

(b) A pass by which the torero cuts short the bull's charge, from the Spanish for cutting or trimming: "The banderillo... performs a rough *recorte* to fix the toro gently before he disappears behind a burladero."

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Cardwell eclipsed by rising young star

From Colin McQuillan in St Peter Port

THE generation gap at the top of women's squash could hardly have been better illustrated than by Cassandra Jackman's 9-4, 9-4, 9-0 dismissal, *in 28 minutes*, of Vicki Cardwell, from Australia, in the third round of the world open championship yesterday.

Cardwell, 39, retains an enthusiasm and a competitive cutting edge that the rising generation should be studying intently. She battled for 45 minutes against Silke Bartel, of Germany, and 75 minutes against Leilani Marsh, of New Zealand, to get to Jackman.

Before withdrawing to start a family, Cardwell ruled the game, winning the world title in 1983 and four successive British open titles from 1980. In her two seasons back on the circuit at such an advanced competitive age, she still emerges as world No 14.

Between bouts of prodigious celebration, she maintained then — and amazingly does still — a level of fitness that carried her scurrying, harrying style of squash to the competitive heights. To meet her on court is almost as exhausting as encountering her in the bar.

On the Perspex showcourt at the Beau Sejour Centre, with a dull front wall and ball-hugging nicks, the wiry Australian was hard pressed to live with the clean, powerful hitting of Jackman. A world junior champion in 1991 and now, at 21, the England No 2 and world No 4, Jackman is most definitely of a newer breed. She takes expert advice on physical conditioning, has recently included sports psychology in her preparation and, if she celebrates at all, is careful not to connect it with her working environs.

A worrying twinge of the back ligaments during the warm-up tournament last week, the Talking Pages open, took her straight to her physiotherapist, and hot-cold packs combined with special exercises put her on court against Cardwell in markedly fluid form. "I am moving well again after a bit of stiffness," she said, looking forward eagerly to a quarter-final today against the sixth-seeded Carol Owens, another tough little Melbourne player who, at 23, is showing all the signs of echoing Cardwell's approach.

"This court suits my game and I feel this could be a tournament in which I can at last put down serious senior markers," Jackman said. "I have never had such a good draw in a major event and, given some luck, I could make the final."

Such progress would require a continuing assault on Australia. Jackman will need to deal with both Owens and Liz Irving, the second seed, who yesterday calmly removed Linda Charman, 22, from Sussex, who had spoilt local hopes the previous day by unexpectedly defeating Martine Le Moignan in a career-best victory.

Michelle Martin's progress to the final is not entirely assured. Last night, she was due to meet the Canadian No 1, Heather Wallace, with a probable quarter-final today against Sue Wright, the England No 3, whose entire career has been built on a pugnacious refusal to give ground to even the greatest reputation.

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Hearts aim to invest share issue revenue

DEBT-ridden clubs are prone to fund-raising schemes, but the proposed share issue to supporters announced yesterday by Heart of Midlothian contained surprising elements (Kevin McCarra writes). The club has promised that, after administrative costs have been deducted, any money invested, up to a limit of £1.5 million, will be used purely for the purchase of new players.

There was a degree of bravado about the guarantee, since Hearts' finances are in parlous condition. Accounts issued yesterday, which covered the period to May of this year, reveal liabilities of £4.67 million, a figure that includes an overdraft of £3.5 million.

Such is the forbidding inheritance of Chris Robinson, a businessman, and Leslie Deans, a lawyer, who bought Heart of Midlothian from Wallace Mercer for £2 million in June. The men own just 51 per cent of the equity, but their position will be protected since the new shares created do not carry voting rights. Robinson promised, however, that supporters who invest will now be able to elect two representatives to the board.

It is not yet clear, however, whether Hearts will be able to resist pressure to raise money in more drastic manner. Speculation persists that the centre back, Alan McLaren, may soon be transferred to Rangers for around £1.5 million.

☐ Dunfermline and Dundee, who shared eight goals in a league match at the weekend, will meet again in the B&Q Cup semi-final, but this time at East End Park. In the other match, Clydebank were drawn to visit Airdrie.

SEMI-FINALS: Dunfermline v Dundee, Airdrie v Clydebank. Ties to be played on October 18 or 19.

Club game loses spice of variety



GERALD DAVIES

On Rugby Union

We came by each other by chance. He was going to one of those expensive business management seminars where simple common sense, dressed up in fancy jargon, comes across as radical thinking. I was simply off somewhere else. A train to catch.

We stopped and talked. He is an Englishman. I a Welshman. He did not play often for England. But then, in those days, English selection being what it haphazardly was, no player seemed to be around for long. We never lined up against each other at Twickenham or the Arms Park (as it was unambiguously called then, not some anonymous national stadium). But our paths did cross regularly when our clubs met.

We came to talk inevitably about rugby, the common language for both of us. The point that struck him, he said, was the way all rugby clubs play in the same way nowadays. There is uniformity of tactics. There is no variety: no special stamp that marks one club from the next. It is not as it was. No, I could not quote him, as his delegates might think he's always living in the past and which will not do for modern management types.

He is right, of course. The style of play is the same from Harlequins to Gloucester, Cardiff to Northampton. If individual expression like that of Guscott for Bath, say, or Turner, for Sale, is rare, so is the uniqueness of any club identity.

> 'All clubs play the same way nowadays'

It is a point worth taking up. There was a time when to travel to the Harlequins was to go in expectation of finding players, usually born elsewhere, with ambition to cosmopolitan elegance. They are still there but in those days they looked different. They all seemed to be tall and wore very long shorts as if the secretary, a former back-row forward, probably, had ordered a batch all of the same size so that Joe McPartlin in the centre would have a similar pair to Mike Davis in the second row. There are no such eccentricities now; today they are spruced, sponsored and logoed.

They swung the ball around and began at a fearsome pace, their long legs eating up the ground, the ball going from left to right with no hint of bulldozing, body-checking around the fringes. And to contemplate fourth or fifth-phase possession would have been thought forward planning gone mad. They sure could play some rugby when they set their mind to it.

The trouble was after scoring a couple of scintillating tries with copybook handling, they soon got tired or gave the impression, perhaps, they were bored as if a party in the country beckoned. There was something of this in Cardiff but Welsh life made certain they kept their feet firmly on the ground.

On the other hand, rugby at Gloucester was of ruder health. They lasted the pace better but then they never got to know, nor did they want to know, all comers of the pitch in the same way the London boys did. Living close to the Gwent valleys they had a similar down-to-earth view of rugby life. They and Pontypool would easily see eye-to-eye.

A Midland club, however, positioned itself somewhere in between. There was a warhorse of a pack, like Coventry, with maestros in midfield and pace on the wing. It was as if the biting Midland winters stiffened the backbone of the forwards and forced the others to run to keep off the chill.

Then there was Bristol. Ah, Bristol. They were an outfit to beware; hard to pin down. They might be West Country, too, but their rugby was a world away from Gloucester. It hardly mattered that you knew how Bristol played. They attacked. But how would they do so and where would they come from? The Cardiff matches with them gave occasion for some of the best rugby the club game could offer. Tightening the pattern one moment, stretching it the next. It was a duel of wits as much as of strength. Bridgend could be like this and could surprise with their unorthodox play.

There was, despite the flaws, a rich mosaic once which is why it was so invigorating on Wednesday to see Bridgend being true to the promises of their manager, Steve Fenwick, and playing more in line with their club tradition. A colourful variety is essential.

One more thing. My kind of encounter with my pal, too, is a thing of the past. Since Welsh clubs no longer play English clubs, such connections, once so enduring, are vanishing with the morning mist.

Rugby sponsors spread their wings

THE seven matches that the touring South African team will play in Wales, as well as two of their four fixtures in Scotland, will be sponsored by the Co-Operative Insurance Society (CIS) (David Hands writes).

The agreement with the Welsh Rugby Union, announced yesterday, extends the company's interest in rugby beyond England's divisional and county competitions and brings to £300,000 their contribution to the game this season. Their package includes the international with Wales on November 26.

CIS sponsored the English divisional matches against New Zealand last season, the tour during which Kyran Bracken won his first international cap for England. He was unavailable for England's tour to South Africa last summer and his progress this season has been hindered by the need for keyhole surgery to a knee.

Bristol have included him in their team to play Orrell in the league tomorrow, but the scrum half must pass a fitness test today if he is to play. Neil Matthews, formerly of Gloucester, will make his league debut for Bristol at centre.

WALES A SQUAD (v South Africans at Newport, October 29): M Back (Bridgend), S Hill (Cardiff), D Moore (Pontypridd), N Walker (Cardiff), G Wilkins (Bridgend), M Taylor (Pontypool), L Davies (Llanelli), A Williams (Swansea), A Davies (Cardiff), R Howley (Bridgend), A Moore (Cardiff), I Buckett (Swansea), M Griffiths (Cardiff), L Mustoe (Cardiff), Bernie Williams (Neath), J Humphreys (Cardiff), G Prosser (Pontypridd), P Arnold (Swansea), R Appleyard (Swansea), A Gibbs (Newbridge), R Moore (Llanwern), G Taylor (Pontypool), S Davies (Swansea).

Dewhurst attracts Europe's leading juveniles

THE Dewhurst Stakes looks certain to identify the leading juvenile colt in Europe after confirmation yesterday that Eltish, trained by Henry Cecil, is bound for the race at Newmarket a week today (Julian Muscat writes).

Among his intended opponents in the seven-furlong contest are last week's Middle Park Stakes winner Fard, Doncaster's Champagne Stakes winner, Sri Pekan, and Pennekamp, one of the leading French juveniles. The winner will earn himself dubious distinction as the winter favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas, a position now held by Sri Pekan.

Eltish, who does not over-exert himself in his homework, illustrated his competitive racecourse instincts with an emphatic victory in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot two weeks ago. The colt's owner, Khalid Abdulla, is aiming to win the Dewhurst for the second time in three years following the victory of Zafonic in 1992.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, Abdulla's racing manager, said yesterday that Distant View, who disappointed when favourite and only fifth in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on his last start, would run in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs on November 5.

"We are mystified by his performance but remain convinced he did not give his true running," Pritchard-Gordon said. Also destined for the Mile is Barathea, who finished three places ahead of Distant View at Ascot.

JULIAN HERBERT



Classic Cliche, far right, will spend winter in the Gulf in an attempt to enhance his preparation for next season's principal races

Sangster warms to Dubai plan

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

ROBERT Sangster plans to develop further his alliance with Shaikh Mohammed by sending up to eight of his best two-year-olds to spend the winter in the shaikh's home territory of Dubai.

The former pools magnate was impressed by the physical condition of horses to have returned to Britain from the Gulf state earlier this year. He proposes to take advantage of the mild winter climate by stabling some of his five classic prospects in the desert.

A decision on which horses will make the trip has been deferred until Sangster discusses the project with Shaikh Mohammed later this month. "I haven't yet had the chance to speak to the shaikh," Sangster said, "but I would like my horses to start next season in the best possible shape. With his consent, I will certainly send over some of my better two-year-olds."

The advantage gained through wintering horses in Dubai was evident when State Performer and Balanchine returned to Newmarket only days before their placed efforts in the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas respectively. They looked infinitely more forward in condition than anything else in the paddock.

Both horses were among a four-horse package Sangster sold privately to Shaikh Mohammed 12 months ago. Some promising juveniles will be among the 75 horses expected to leave Britain for Dubai shortly. Godolphin Racing, under whose banner the horses are campaigned, has been particularly active in the market. Classic Cliche is their latest recruit; substantial offers for both Sharp Point and Art Of War were last week rejected by their owners.

Sangster said: "Last year I sent Barossa Valley out to Dubai but he wasn't really one of my best. Although Balanchine looked a picture on 1,000 Guineas day, she continued to progress throughout the season and her stint in Dubai would have played a part in that."

After her narrow defeat by the Sangster-owned Las Meninas in the 1,000 Guineas, Balanchine went on to land the Oaks and Irish Derby before a severe bout of colic curtailed her campaign. Her comprehensive defeat of King's Theatre in the Irish Derby established her credentials to be rated the leading middle-distance horse of 1994 when the International Classifications are published in January.

It will be surprising if Balanchine is not rated ahead of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, Carnegie, himself yet another of the shaikh's private purchases from the Sangster collection. Although Sangster was delighted with the outcome of the Arc, he said his thoughts were also with his trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, who prepared White Muzzle, owned by Teruya Yoshida, from Sangster's Manton stables.

"Peter produced White Muzzle in the shape of his life," Sangster said. "I was with him at Manton on Tuesday and I'm sure it won't be long before he bounces back. I will be sending him the strongest team of yearlings he has ever had, including 12 by Sadler's Wells, which will put Peter in the same league as André Fabre."

ASCOT

THUNDERER

2.00 Seasonal Splendour. 2.30 Kayrawan. 3.05 LAP OF LUXURY (nap). 3.40 Anniversarypresent. 4.15 Transom. 4.45 Kayvee. 5.15 Sheriff.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 TRANSOM.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Kayrawaan. 3.40 Ludgate. 5.15 BLUSHING FLAME (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES FINAL HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £4,815: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

101 (4) 024112 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 14 (D,F) (D Johnson) M Pipe 4-12-0 J Durkan 98
102 (2) 61601 ACTING BRAVE 7 (D,F,G) G Harwood 3-12-0 (5ex) P Pritchard-Gordon (4)
103 (8) 518514 MEANT TO BE 13 (D,F,S) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 4-11-10 T Cuff 97
104 (7) 105200 HILL OF DREAMS 14 (V,D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-11-6 A Balding (4) 96
105 (6) 634420 GILDERDALE 39 (C,F,G) (Abbott Racing) J Hills 12-11-6 G Johnson Houghton 95
106 (9) 221312 CHANTRY BEATH 20J (D,BF,G,S) (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 5-10-8 C Bonner 95
107 (5) 100040 AIR COMMAND 48 (G,S) (E Phillips) C Nash 4-10-5 P Phillips (4) 95
108 (3) 464 SYDNEY BARRY 11J (P Jones) R Buckler 9-10-2 G Hogan 87
109 (11) 120110 ROCK LEGEND 43 (D,F) (Mrs T Harman) J Sheehan 6-9-10 T McCarthy 95
110 (10) 060- CHAPEL OF BARRAS 191J (Hawkridge Cheese Ltd) P Hobbs 5-9-9 D Parker 88
111 (1) 000-600 MELLERIO 18 (Santos Racing) R Curtis 4-9-7 K Santana (4) —

Long handicap: Mellerio 8-4

BETTING: 5-2 Seasonal Splendour, 3-1 Acting Brave, 4-1 Meant To Be, 6-1 Hill Of Dreams, 8-1 others.

1993: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 3l 2nd of 20 to Statied in apprentices' handicap here over course and distance (good to soft) with HILL OF DREAMS (4lb better off) 12l 9th. ACTING BRAVE beat Referential 3l in 9-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). MEANT TO BE beat Trans Siberia 1½l in 9-runner conditions race at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with MELLERIO (34lb better off) 84l last. GILDERDALE 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Fieldridge in handicap at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with HILL OF DREAMS (3lb better off) 9l 5th. CHANTRY BEATH neck 2nd of 17 to Cathedral Kid in handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, good). ROCK LEGEND beat Brandonhurst head in 9-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with AIR COMMAND (8lb better off) 10¼l 4th.
Selection: ACTING BRAVE

2.30 TRIPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES (BBC2)
(2-Y-O: £10,411: 6f) (5 runners)

201 (1) KAYRAWAN (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills —
202 (5) STONE RIDGE (Mrs C Hannington) R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes —
203 (5) BAD NEWS (J Naughton) P McEntee 8-9 J Quinn —
204 (4) CARAMBA (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-9 L Piggott —
205 (2) SHEFOOG (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 8-9 R Price —

BETTING: Evens Kayrawan, 11-4 Caramba, 5-1 Shefoog, Stone Ridge, 25-1 Bad News.

FORM FOCUS

KAYRAWAN (foaled March 26) Half-brother by Mr Prospector to Baalabel, 1m winner at three years, dam won group III Princess Margaret Stakes. STONE RIDGE (April 13) First foal by Indian Ridge, dam thrice raced maiden, placed over 1m 2f. BAD NEWS (Feb 26). Half-sister by Pharly to Phyllan, 1m 3f winner, dam modest maiden. CARAMBA (April 7) Half-sister by Mexodrama to several winners including Lemon Souffle, top-class 5f-7f juvenile winner and 1m winner at three years and Rimo, Cesarewitch runner-up, dam 6f-1m winner. SHEFOOG (Feb 8) Half-sister by Kefaah to maiden Afcami Moto, dam 6f winner at three years.
No selection

3.05 BONUSPRINT OCTOBER STAKES (BBC2)
(Listed race: Fillies: £14,381: 1m) (12 runners)

301 (12) 061515 LAP OF LUXURY 14 (D,BF,F,G) (I Hall-Wood) W Jarvis 5-9-0 B Thomson 97
302 (6) 11-1021 OUR RITA 139 (D,F,G,S) (A Edwards) J Scargill 5-8-11 R Cochrane 83
303 (7) 560040 WINGED VICTORY 13 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-11 L Dettori 86
304 (11) 200141 SOVINISTA 14 (CD,G,S) (I Stewart-Brown) J Dunlop 3-8-10 M Roberts 87
305 (9) 030038 DANCE TO THE TOP 39 (V,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 84
306 (1) 032354 DEVOTEE 24 (D,F,G) (Bloomsbury Stud) P Walwyn 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 86
307 (3) U00052 GLATISANT 8 (B,C,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-7 M Hills 92
308 (4) 44-5331 LEONOVA 10 (D,G) (Baron Edouard de Rothschild) L Cumani 3-8-7 R Hughes 71
309 (5) 111262 MAREHA 14 (D,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-7 R Hills 88
310 (2) 150612 MUR TAASHA 13 (D,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-7 W Carson
311 (8) 114-450 VELVET MOON 29 (BF,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-7 T Quinn 96
312 (10) 116 ZAFAAF 114 (CD,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-7 W R Swinburn 93

BETTING: 5-1 Zafaaf, 6-1 Lap Of Luxury, Mur Taasha, 7-1 Glatisant, Sovinista, Velvet Moon, 8-1 Dance To The Top, Mareha, 14-1 Our Rita, 20-1 Leonova, Winged Victory, 33-1 Devotee

FORM FOCUS

LAP OF LUXURY beat Dahyah 2½l in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). SOVINISTA beat MAREHA (3lb better off) ¾l in listed handicap over course and distance (good) with LAP OF LUXURY (14lb better off) 5¼l 5th. GLATISANT 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Fraam in listed race at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). MUR TAASHA 4l 2nd of 25 to Wizard King in handicap here (7f, good) with WINGED VICTORY (8lb worse off) 6l 9th. VELVET MOON best effort this season when about 3l 5th of 15 to Las Meninas in group I 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good) with DANCE TO THE TOP 11l 15th. ZAFAAF about 5¼l 6th to Kissing Cousin in group I Coronation Stakes over course and distance (good to firm) with SOVINISTA (3lb worse off) 4¾l 9th.
Selection: ZAFAAF

3.40 AIM AVIATION NURSERY HANDICAP (BBC2)
(2-Y-O: £11,053: 7f) (13 runners)

401 (6) 622142 ANNIVERSARYPRESENT 6 (D,F) (D Barker) G Lewis 9-7 W R Swinburn 97
402 (11) 541 MIHRIZ 38 (F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-13 W Carson 87
403 (2) 130 BRUTON STREAM 95 (F) (Mrs A Green) D Loder 8-13 D R McCabe (5) 87
404 (1) 421 LUDGATE 13 (D,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-11 Paul Eddery 87
405 (9) 64331 NAKED WELCOME 30 (G) (Most Welcome Pnrs) M F-Godley 8-11 Pat Eddery 88
406 (3) 040 RAISE THE STAKES 18 (J Smith) I Balding 8-10 L Dettori 85
407 (4) 02013 SUE'S RETURN 10 (S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 8-9 B Thomson 90
408 (7) 063213 MEHTAR 15 (G) (A Al Sabah) Miss G Kelleway 8-8 R Cochrane 90
409 (12) 3005 VICTORIA'S SECRET 36 (A Tuckerman) D Elsworth 8-7 M Roberts 80
410 (8) 100 MELASUS 35 (F) (Mrs A Haynes) D Arbuthnot 8-3 J Weaver 84
411 (5) 645600 POLY AMANSHAA 15 (D,G) (Sheet 3 Roll Ltd) M Channon 8-1 D Harrison 98
412 (10) 33324 DRUMOCHTER 73 (BF) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 7-13 A McGlone
413 (13) 520000 SARACEN PRINCE 37 (B) (T Brady) P Kelleway 7-7 J Quinn 84

Long handicap: Saracen Prince 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Sue's Return, 6-1 Anniversarypresent, Naked Welcome, 7-1 Ludgate, 8-1 Mehtar, Mihriz, 10-1 Drumochter, Raise The Stakes, 12-1 Melasus, 16-1 Bruton Stream, 20-1 Victoria's Secret, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ANNIVERSARYPRESENT ½l 2nd of 14 to Sumoquinn in nursery at Newmarket (6f, good). MIHRIZ beat Indonesian head in 9-runner maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm). LUDGATE beat Vocalize 4l in 4-runner conditions race at Haydock (7f, good to soft). NAKED WELCOME beat Rising Dough 3l in 15-runner nursery at Doncaster (1m, good), with POLY AMANSHAA (17lb better off) 17l 12th. SUE'S RETURN short-head and ¾l 3rd of 21 to Caerphilly in nursery at Newmarket (7f, good). MEHTAR 1l and short-head 3rd of 11 to Autumn Affair in nursery here (6f, good to soft), with POLY AMANSHAA (6lb better off) 8¼l 11th.
Selection: ANNIVERSARYPRESENT

4.15 WYNDHAM RATED HANDICAP (£9,350: 2m 45yd) (6 runners)

501 (3) 622-431 WHITECHAPEL 13 (C,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-7 W R Swinburn 94
502 (1) 104453 STAR PLAYER 16 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 8-8-10 L Dettori 92
503 (6) 204251 SUN GREBE 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 4-8-7 Pat Eddery 93
504 (2) 311332 TRANSOM 7 (BF,F) (S Cohn) G Harwood 3-8-7 R Cochrane
505 (4) 430041 TUKANO 17 (S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 3-8-1 W Carson 89
506 (5) 412280 SHELTERED COVE 14 (F) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-10 J Quinn 80

Long handicap: Sheltered Cove 6-5

BETTING: 2-1 Sun Grebe, 5-2 Transom, 3-1 Whitechapel, 6-1 Star Player, 8-1 Tukano, 20-1 Sheltered Cove.

FORM FOCUS

WHITECHAPEL beat Royal Seaton short-head in 15-runner handicap here (1m 4f, good to soft). STAR PLAYER ¾l and neck 3rd of 8 to Iota in handicap at Chester (2m, good to soft). SUN GREBE beat Bold Resolution ½l in handicap over course and distance (good to soft). TRANSOM 1¾l 2nd to Tudor Island in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). TUKANO beat Kama Tashoof ½l in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: SUN GREBE

4.45 MAYFLOWER APPRENTICES CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,443: 1m) (9 runners)

601 (2) 311114 BALL GOWN 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Lines) D Thom 4-9-0 D R McCabe 75
602 (9) 644500 DANGER POINT 7 (D,G) (F Salman) R Hannon 3-8-13 Mark Denaro (3) 81
603 (3) 534206 SPECTACLE JIM 58 (B,G) (J Harrow) J O'Donoghue 5-8-13 P McCabe 50
604 (6) 0-00600 BRESIL 183 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-8-11 D Griffiths (3) 57
605 (5) 020035 KAYVEE 6 (F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 5-8-11 P Houghton (5)
606 (8) 510000 EWAR GOLD 4 (D,F,G) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-10 S Drowne 50
607 (7) 022000 CHICKAWICKA 14 (S) (Merthyr Tydfil Cars) B Millman 3-8-9 A Whelan (3) 91
608 (4) ASSYRIAN (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7 J Stack —
609 (1) 041660 PERDITION 7 (B,D,F) (G Collister) J Hills 4-8-6 M Henry (5) 69

BETTING: 5-4 Kayvee, 7-2 Assyrian, 5-1 Danger Point, 6-1 Ball Gown, 8-1 Chickawicka, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BALL GOWN beat Master Beveled 2½l in 16-runner apprentices' handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. DANGER POINT 4l 8th of 15 to Sherman in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). KAYVEE 5¾l 5th of 30 to Halling in Cambridgeshire handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good). CHICKAWICKA 18l 9th of 15 to Ringmaster in handicap here (1m 2f, good to soft). ASSYRIAN. Half-brother by Storm Cat, to Macma, 6f juvenile winner this season; dam a winning juvenile in North America.
Selection: KAYVEE (nap)

5.15 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (£8,899: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (8) 021260 GEORGE DILLINGHAM 20 (F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-10 R Cochrane 85
2 (11) 20-5604 TOP CEES 13 (G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-2 A McGlone 87
3 (1) 305045 JOHNS ACT 20 (S) (B Ching) D Haydn Jones 4-8-13 A Mackay
4 (6) 1565 LAILA ALAWI 13 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-13 L Dettori 85
5 (10) 1634 SMART GENERATION 14 (G) (G Ward) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 W Woods 84
6 (12) 3-04024 CHEF'S SONG 170 (Mrs A Devine) S Dow 4-8-11 T Quinn 80
7 (2) 606164 BLUSHING FLAME 10 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 82
8 (7) 440001 WARM SPELL 20 (D,G,S) (F Higson) G L Moore 4-8-10 B Rouse 88
9 (5) 501506 WEST BUOYANT 14 (F) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-8-10 W Carson 80
10 (13) 401565 TRADE WIND 14 (B,F) (D Richards) D Elsworth 3-8-7 M Roberts 86
11 (9) 554060 BLAZE AWAY 14 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-4 W Ryan 85
12 (4) 123400 DANCING SENSATION 8 (D,F,S) (Chelgate PR Ltd) R Akehurst 7-8-3 Paul Eddery 83
13 (3) 62-3305 SHERIFF 7 (F) (C Brown) J Hills 3-8-0 G Bardwell 88

BETTING: 4-1 Blushing Flame, 7-1 Johns Act, 8-1 Sheriff, Warm Spell, West Buoyant, 10-1 others

FORM FOCUS

TOP CEES 3¾l 4th to Mathal in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f, good to soft). JOHNS ACT about 3½l 5th to Green Crusader in handicap at Newbury (1m 3f, soft). SMART GENERATION 7½l 4th to Ringmaster in handicap here (1m 2f, good to soft) with TRADE WIND (3lb better) 3l 5th and BLAZE AWAY (7lb better) 16½l 10th. BLUSHING FLAME about 3¼l 4th to Saxon Maid in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). WARM SPELL beat Tudor Island 1½l in handicap at Newbury (1m 5f, soft) with GEORGE DILLINGHAM (6lb better) 16½l 12th. SHERIFF about 1½l 5th to Sherman in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BLUSHING FLAME

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	3	12	25.0	W Ryan	4	23	17.4
G Wragg	15	73	20.5	Pat Eddery	42	248	16.9
P Cole	20	102	19.6	J Weaver	4	29	13.8
Lord Huntingdon	13	73	17.8	W Carson	32	241	13.3
W Hern	4	23	17.4	L Dettori	31	238	13.0
J Gosden	22	128	17.2	T Quinn	18	155	11.6

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Tipping Tim. 2.45 Moving Out. 3.15 Givus A Buck. 3.50 Contract Elite. 4.25 Egypt Mill Prince. 4.55 Holy Joe.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.10 WILLOW TRUST NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 211 ABALENE 13 (F) T Donnelly 5-11-10 T Eley (3) 91
2 1113 DEDUCE 25 (F,G) J White 5-11-10 J Railton 97
3 PP-1 TIPPING TIM 15 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-10 C Llewellyn
4 -434 SHAMSHADAL 6 J Jenkins 4-11-0 R Dunwoody 86
5 6 YAHMI 15 (BF) J Old 4-11-0 T Grantham 70
6 FFP- PHYL'S LEGACY 202 Miss A Broyd 9-10-10 R Supple —
7 330- SUDBERRY LADY 87 J Eustace 4-10-9 S McNeill —

9-4 Tipping Tim, 5-2 Abalene, 3-1 Deduce, 9-2 Yahmi, 10-1 Shamshadal, 16-1 Sudberry Lady, 33-1 Phyl's Legacy

2.45 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NOVICES CHASE
(£4,221: 2m 5f) (8)

1 4436 CREWS CASTLE 11 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-6 N Williamson 77
2 4126 GRATUITY 21 (V,F) C Barwell 9-11-6 N Mann 87
3 /1F- SAILOR JIM 141 (F,S) P Dalton 7-11-6 W Marston 64
4 D64- MANOR RHYME 108 J McConnochie 7-11-2 S McNeill —
5 2P-6 MARLINGFORD 7 (G,S) Mrs J Jordan 7-11-2 R Dunwoody
6 01-2 MOVING OUT 23 (BF,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 6-11-2 M Perrett 87
7 424- THE MILLWRIGHT 158 M Bradstock 7-11-2 G Bradley —
8 PP0- KEV'S LASS 214 (S) G Hubbard 6-10-11 D Gallagher 79

9-4 Moving Out, 3-1 Gratuity, 4-1 Marlingford, 8-1 Crews Castle, The Millwright, 10-1 Manor Rhyme, 12-1 others

3.15 COAL PRODUCTS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,788: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 0P4- SIBTON ABBEY 251 (CD,F,G,S) G Hubbard 9-12-0 G Bazin (7) —
2 V12/ GIVUS A BUCK 8F (B,CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-12 P Holley —
3 433- FAR SENIOR 130 (CD,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-13 N Williamson 98
4 -212 HARRISTOWN LADY 8 (B,F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-1 R Dunwoody

6-4 Harristown Lady, 5-2 Givus A Buck, 3-1 Far Senior, 4-1 Sibton Abbey.

3.50 EAGLE PEST CONTROL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,404: 2m 1f) (6)

1 180- BO KNOWS BEST 22F (F,S) G L Moore 5-12-0 A P McCoy (5) 90
2 31-2 JIMMY JACK 20F (D,BF,G,S) G Richards 10-12-0 R Dunwoody 90
3 321- GOSPEL 170 (C,F,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn 94
4 104- BIBENDUM 183 (F,G,S) R Waley-Cohen 8-11-4 Peter Hobbs 87
5 623- KAYTAK 112F (V,F,G,S) J Jenkins 7-10-0 N Williamson 96
6 001- CONTRACT ELITE 14F (D,F,G) C Thornton 4-10-0 D Bentley (3)

7-4 Gospel, 3-1 Contract Elite, 7-2 Jimmy Jack, 6-1 Kaytak, 8-1 Bo Knows Best, 10-1 Bibendum

4.25 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,856: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 15F- EGYPT MILL PRINCE 204 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 W Marston 96
2 23-1 OH SO GRUMPY 27F (D,F,G) Mrs J Harrington 6-11-2 M Dwyer 89
3 22-5 DRUMSTICK 41 (CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-1 N Williamson
4 34-2 STARLAP 23 (D,F,G,S) R Buckler 10-10-0 B Powell 85
5 25-3 BUSTINELLO 13 (G) G Hubbard 6-10-0 D Gallagher 70

6-4 Oh So Grumpy, 7-4 Drumstick, 9-4 Egypt Mill Prince, 20-1 Starlap, 25-1 Bustinello

4.55 WORLD PROMOTIONS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,669: 2m 7f 110yd) (6)

1 P1-2 HOLY JOE 13 (F,S) D Burchell 12-11-13 D J Burchell 94
2 -22R CAIRNCASTLE 3 (F,G,S) C Barwell 9-10-9 N Mann 97
3 36-3 ELEGANT KING 8 (G,S) A Jarvis 5-10-6 P Morris (7) 93
4 1231 WINGS OF FREEDOM 8 (V,C,F) J Jenkins 5-10-2 A P McCoy (5) / S McNeill 90
5 64-3 PRIZE MATCH 13 (S) J Tuck 5-10-0 R Farrant —
6 31/0 EMPEROR CHANG 13 (F) G Fierro 7-10-0 —

5-2 Holy Joe, 3-1 Wings Of Freedom, 7-2 Elegant King, 4-1 Prize Match, 5-1 Cairncastle, 25-1 Emperor Chang.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 14 winners from 57 runners, 24.6%; N Twiston-Davies, 26 from 137, 19.0%; J Old, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 41 winners from 196 rides, 20.9%; N Mann, 5 from 29, 17.2%; C Llewellyn, 12 from 100, 12.0%; M Perrett, 6 from 53, 11.3%; M Dwyer, 6 from 54, 11.1%; N Williamson, 5 from 45, 11.1%.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Strong Deel. 2.55 Sarsta Grai. 3.30 The Yank. 4.00 Media Messenger. 4.35 Stay Awake. 5.05 Fret.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

2.20 TEBAY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,184: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 -411 ROYAL VACATION 7 (C,F,G) G Moore 5-11-12 J Callaghan
2 /5P FAST FUN 15 C Parker 6-11-0 Mr A Parker
3 33-2 LEADING PROSPECT 16 (G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-0 B Storey
4 235- MILO 18F Mrs V Aconley 6-11-0 R Garritty
5 150- NORTHERN SQUIRE 170 (S) J Jefferson 6-11-0 A Dobbin
6 2344 RICH NEPHEW 15 (F,G,S) V Thompson 9-11-0 N Doughty
7 212- STRONG DEEL 130 (F) W Reed 6-11-0 T Reed
8 3-2F TIGHTER BUDGET 13 (F,S) Mrs E Slack 7-11-0 M Moloney
9 205- DOMINANT SERENADE 184 (G,S) M Hammond 5-10-12 P Niven

2-1 Dominant Serenade, 5-2 Royal Vacation, 3-1 Northern Squire, 10-1 Tighter Budget, 12-1 Strong Deel, 14-1 Leading Prospect, 20-1 Rich Nephew, 25-1 others.

2.55 ORTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,912: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 221 SARSTA GRAI 13 (F,CD) M Hammond 6-11-2 G McCourt
2 10-2 CHATEAU ROUX 27 (BF,G) J O'Neill 6-11-0 P Niven (5)
3 3U-P TROPNEVAD 27 (V) J Jefferson 6-11-0 A Dobbin
4 P-0P DIDACTE 15 Denys Smith 4-10-13 P Waggott (5)

8-11 Chateau Roux, 5-4 Sarsta Grai, 16-1 Tropnevad, 20-1 Didacte.

3.30 BRITISH DENKAVIT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,753: 3m) (6)

1 045- MUTUAL TRUST 303 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-10 A Dobbin
2 -121 THE YANK 13 (V,CD,F,G) M Hammond 8-11-4 G McCourt
3 U4-2 CEILIDH BOY 13 (G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-2 B Storey
4 3P-P BOREEN OWEN 27 (CD,G,S) J O'Neill 10-10-6 A Roche (5)
5 1433 JAUNTY GIG 6 (B,F,G) J Birkett 8-10-0 L O'Hara
6 6664 LITTLE GENERAL 13 (F) V Thompson 11-10-0 Richard Guest

5-4 The Yank, 6-4 Ceilidh Boy, 7-1 Jaunty Gig, 8-1 Mutual Trust, 16-1 Boreen Owen, 33-1 Little General.

4.00 SHAP NOVICES HURDLE (£1,944: 2m 1f) (10)

1 1 MASTER HYDE 7 (F) W Storey 5-11-7 K Johnson
2 BLUEFAULDS 823F J Birkett 5-11-0 N Doughty
3 P2-0 CROFTON LAKE 13 J Dixon 6-11-0 L O'Hara
4 0- EARLYMORNING LIGHT 195 G Richards 5-11-0 M Moloney
5 635- MEDIA MESSENGER 53F Denys Smith 5-11-0 P Waggott (5)
6 ONEOFUS M H Easterby 5-11-0 R Garritty
7 KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 23F Mrs M Reveley 4-10-13 P Niven
8 PF- MAJOR JACK 149 P Monteith 4-10-13 T Reed
9 U CINDER MHOR 7 M Barnes 5-10-9 A Dobbin
10 5 PALACE RIVER 16 D Moffatt 6-10-9 D J Moffatt (3)

5-2 Master Hyde, 3-1 Media Messenger, 7-2 Keep Your Distance, 7-1 Oneofus, 8-1 Earlymorning Light, 10-1 Crofton Lake, 16-1 others.

4.35 APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,493: 2m) (5)

1 21-F JUST FRANKIE 13 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-12-0 N Smith
2 -331 STAY AWAKE 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-12 (6ex) P Niven
3 3224 CLEVER FOLLY 15 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 14-10-4 A Dobbin
4 -P66 BISHOPDALE 13 (F,G,S) S Chadwick 13-10-0 K Johnson
5 213- MOSS BEE 132 (D,F) W Reed 7-10-0 B Storey

4-5 Stay Awake, 2-1 Just Frankie, 6-1 Clever Folly, 14-1 Moss Bee, 20-1 Bishopdale.

5.05 BROUGH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,314: 2m 1f) (7)

1 23-2 BEND SABLE 16 (F,S) F Storey 4-11-10 B Storey
2 50/- FRET 185 (B,S) G Moore 4-10-10 N Bentley
3 1-28 JOHN NAMAN 15 (D,F,G) M Barnes 5-10-7 A Dobbin
4 13P- YAAKUM 139 (G) S Kettlewell 5-10-5 R Garritty
5 0-82 RAPID MOVER 11F (B,F) D Nolan 7-10-0 M Moloney
6 32-4 RICHMOND 46 (B,D,G) Mrs S Austin 6-10-0 D Wilkinson
7 13-3 BACK BEFORE DAWN 16 (S) P Monteith 7-10-0 T Jenks (3)

7-4 Bend Sable, 9-4 Fret, 6-1 John Naman, 7-1 Richmond, 8-1 Rapid Mover, 10-1 Back Before Dawn, 12-1 Yaakum.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Jefferson, 10 winners from 31 runners, 32.3%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 3 from 10, 30.0%; G M Moore, 14 from 61, 23.0%; M Easterby, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 46, 21.7%; M Hammond, 18 from 93, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; N Bentley, 5 from 18, 27.8%; P Niven, 21 from 87, 24.1%; N Doughty, 21 from 93, 22.6%; J Callaghan, 7 from 43, 16.3%; R Garritty, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

Strong pace should bring best out of Lap Of Luxury

ASCOT

BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.30: Tom Jones likes to start off some of his best two-year-olds at this course and Kayrawan is certainly bred to be one of those. A son of Mr Prospector and Muhbubh, a group-winning juvenile, Kayrawan hails from a stable with plenty of juvenile talent and can enhance his trainer's fine record here. Stone Ridge, a son of Indian Ridge, looks the pick of Richard Hannon's two runners as Caramba is likely to need further. Shefoog, by Kefaah, should be at home over this trip.

3.05: Glatisant, sporting blinkers for the first time, ran her best race of the season last time when beating all bar Fraam. She will probably adopt forcing tactics again today, and with the free-running Velvet Moon also in the line-up, the likely fast pace will suit Lap Of Luxury. At her best in the autumn, Lap Of Luxury's recent defeat by Sovinista and Mareha can be safely attributed to the pedestrian early pace, and the fact that she now meets those rivals on significantly better terms is a bonus.

Bigger threats are Robert Armstrong's Mur Taasha, who holds Winged Victory on their recent encounter here, and Zafaaf, who has been off the course since June. Zafaaf has displayed traces of temperament in the past and would probably prefer some cut in the ground.

3.40: Anniversarypresent and Sue's Return boast rock-solid nursery form. Preference is for the former, only narrowly beaten over six furlongs at Newmarket last week. This return to seven furlongs is in his favour.

However, Drumochter looks an interesting proposition with his low weight. The ground was fast when David Morley's colt chased home Indian Wedding in July. A reproduction of that effort would be good enough, and he should be fresh after his ten-week break. Mihriz only scrambled home in a Ripon maiden last time and stronger claims are held by Mehtar and Naked Welcome. The latter has been raised 9lb for his Doncaster victory last month, but has scope for further improvement.

JULIAN MUSCAT

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

York

Going: good to soft

2.00 (6f 214yd) 1, TWILIGHT PATROL (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Iltimas (W Carson, Evens fav); 3, Fantasy Racing (R Hughes, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Rupiana (4th). 4 ran. ½l, 7l, 3l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £9.90.

2.30 (7f 202yd) 1, SALMON LADDER (R Cochrane, Evens fav); 2, Daffaq (W Carson, 7-4); 3, Orchidarma (Paul Eddery, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Ewar Imperial (4th). 4 ran. 7l, 8l, 15l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.87.

3.00 (6f 214yd) 1, CARRANITA (T Sprake, 6-1); 2, Governor George (R Cochrane, 5-2 fav); 3, I'llbeavelolyou (A Whelan, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Band On The Run, Mr Martini (4th), Saseedo (6th), 11 My Best Valentine (5th), 12 En Attendant, 14 Shikari's Son. 9 ran. Nk, 1l, sh hd, 1½l, 1½l. B Palling at Cowbridge. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £1.60, £3.90. DF: £8.60. Trio: £77.40. CSF: £20.08. Tricast: £181.88.

3.30 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, EUROTWIST (D Griffiths, 7-1); 2, Zamhareer (R Havlin, 25-1); 3, Allesca (C Adamson, 13-2 fav); 4, Hillzah (H Bastiman, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Ashover, Brodessa (6th), 10 Children's Choice, Referential, 12 First Bid (5th), Upper Grosvenor, Virkon Venture, 14 Gemikosa, 16 Abingdon Flyer, Comtec's Legend, Harlequin Walk, La Belle Shyanne, 20 Gold Desire, Masuri Kabisa, 25 Al Jinn, All In The Mind, Sakil. 21 ran. ½l, 1¼l, 3l, 2½l, ½l. J Eyre at Thirsk. Tote: £8.00; £2.00, £25.80, £1.80, £4.40. DF: £228.70. Trio: £1,453.50 (pool of £614.19 carried forward to 3.05 at Ascot today). CSF: £174.97. Tricast: £1,118.65.

4.00 (7f 202yd) 1, IN GOOD FAITH (D R McCabe, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Intiram (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Cheldon Herring (J Lowe, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Kemo Sabo, 13-2 Fame Again, 8 Courbaril, Secret Service (5th), 10 Percy Braithwaite, 11 Our Robert (6th), 14 Colombo King (4th), Intendant, 16 Last Laugh, 20 Battery Boy, 25 Spanish Steps, 50 Bellard Lady. 15 ran. Nk, 3l, ¾l, ¾l, ¾l. J Quinn at Malton. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £2.80, £3.20. DF: £23.00. Trio: £100.50. CSF: £39.58. Tricast: £243.82.

4.30 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, DISKETTE (M Roberts, 3-1); 2, Potentate (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, My Time (M Henry, 18-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Sharaar, 9-2 Silverlocks (4th), 10 Mister Bean (6th), 12 Aljadeer, 20 Antarctiem, Gallardini, Village Eagle (5th), 25 Light Movement, 33 Scottera, 50 Inovar. 13 ran. 5l, 1½l, 1½l, 4l, 2½l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.00, £6.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £29.40.

5.00 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, PIANOLA (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Bataan (Paul Eddery, 11-2); 3, Kama Tashoof (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Addaih (5th), 8 Skean-Dhu (4th), 10 Colonel Colt, El Bailador (6th), 14 Laxos. 8 ran. 1½l, 8l, 7l, 13l, 10l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10; £1.90, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £20.90. CSF: £30.73.

Jackpot: £8,983.00 (0.09 winning tickets. Pool of £11,513.53 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £893.40. Quadpot: £21.40.

Haydock Park

Going: soft

2.10 (7f 30yd) 1, New Man (J Carroll, 6-4 fav); 2, Romanzof (11-4); 3, Yoush (5-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 7l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.87.

2.40 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Florid (W Ryan, 100-30); 2, Blush Rambler (13-8 fav); 3, Waiting (3-1). 5 ran. 3l, 2l. H Cecil. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.38.

3.10 (6f) 1, Panikin (J Quinn, 20-1); 2, Jigsaw Boy (12-1); 3, Madura (7-1); 4, The Old Chapel (16-1). Captain Carat 6-1 fav. 23 ran. NR: Champagne Grandy. 3l, ½l. J Wharton. Tote: £24.70; £5.30, £2.40, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £74.40. Trio: £864.00. CSF: £238.50. Tricast: £1,697.65.

3.40 (1m 30yd) 1, Alleaselah (W R Swinburn, 7-2); 2, Zamalek (9-4 fav); 3, Manful (10-1). 5 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £11.30.

4.10 (5f) 1, She's Dynamite (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2, Runs In The Family (9-2 fav); 3, Daily Starshine (14-1). 14 ran. Nk, 2l. W Jarvis. Tote: £7.50; £2.50, £2.00, £5.60. DF: £22.60. Trio: £102.50. CSF: £45.46. Tricast: £519.83.

4.40 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Isle Of Pines (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, Seaward (5-1); 3, Arctic Maid (9-2). Chimborazo 11-10 fav. 12 ran. 12l, 7l. H Cecil. Tote: £9.30; £2.20, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £19.50. CSF: £56.32.

5.10 (7f 30yd) 1, Amoret (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Tehuelck (6-1); 3, My Gallery (8-1). Phase One 7-2 fav. 13 ran. Nk, ¾l. C Wall. Tote: £11.10; £3.40, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £36.70. Trio: £273.60. CSF: £56.93. Tricast: £378.13.

Placepot: £73.90. Quadpot: £32.50.

Ludlow

Going: firm

2.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Snickersnee (W Marston, 7-1); 2, Najeb (5-1); 3, Wrekin College (9-2). Luks Akura 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 11l. F Murphy. Tote: £8.60; £1.80, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £14.40. CSF: £27.44. Caomseach (9-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Philip's Woody (J Kavanagh, 9-4 fav); 2, Lucky Agen (5-1); 3, Maggots Green (7-2). 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.00; £2.00, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £11.60. CSF: £13.03. Tricast: £33.79.

3.20 (3m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Jawani (N Mann, 3-1); 2, Mountshannon (15-2); 3, Court Circular (6-1). Gay Glint 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 20l, 10l. J Scargill. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £4.70. DF: £20.30. CSF: £22.89.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Ozzie Jones (W Worthington, 15-2); 2, Court Jester (16-1); 3, Poetic Fancy (Evens fav). 10 ran. NR: Trinity House. 3l, 6l. M Chapman. Tote: £8.70; £1.70, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £21.70. CSF: £102.03.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, Time Won't Wait (J Railton, 5-4 fav); 2, Lenthall Princess (50-1); 3, Manaboutthehouse (100-30). 9 ran. 2l, 3l. R Phillips. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £11.70, £1.50. DF: £182.10. CSF: £42.46.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Million In Mind (J Railton, 3-1 fav); 2, Courageous Knight (14-1); 3, Golden Madjambo (10-1). 16 ran. 5l, 3l. J White. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £5.00, £2.40. DF: £25.00. CSF: £40.78.

Placepot: £77.20. Quadpot: £37.20 (0.4 winning tickets. Pool of £30.24 carried forward to Ascot today).

Wincanton

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Kimbers (M Perrett, 20-1); 2, Bell One (4-1); 3, Fieldridge (4-9 fav). 12 ran. NR: Licence To Kill, Without A Flag. 2½l, 3½l. G Wareham. Tote: £20.90; £3.30, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £32.10. CSF: £94.16.

2.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Frozen Drop (S Fox, 5-2 fav); 2, Purbeck Dove (7-2); 3, Lauderdale Lad (9-2). 6 ran. Dist, 12l. P Ritchens. Tote: £4.00; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £7.10. CSF: £10.98.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, McGillycuddy Reeks (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 2, Sharp Spring (3-1); 3, Loose Change (9-1). 8 ran. 5l, ½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.84.

3.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Raba Riba (D Bridgwater, 4-1); 2, Always Remember (11-4); 3, Festival Dreams (5-2 fav). 6 ran. 1¾l, 15l. J Spearing. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.90. DF: £5.70. CSF: £14.99.

4.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Straight Talk (R Dunwoody, 30-100 fav); 2, Channel Pastime (12-1); 3, Squeeze Play (3-1). 3 ran. NR: Take Chances. 4l, 2l. P Nicholls. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.31.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, Nagobelia (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Routing (4-1); 3, Salery (5-1). 8 ran. 5l, 12l. J Pearce. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.42. Tricast: £27.68.

Placepot: £8.80. Quadpot: £6.60.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 2.00 Hill Of Dreams. 3.05 Dance To The Top. 4.45 Perdition. Cheltenham: 2.45 Gratuity.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MUR TAASHA (3.05 Ascot)

Next best: Tipping Tim (2.10 Cheltenham)

British horses in demand

BRITISH horses fill eight of the ten places open to Europeans for the three Hong Kong international races to be staged at Sha Tin racecourse on December 11.

Invitees for the International Cup, over nine furlongs, include the John Gosden-trained pair Emperor Jones and Pollen Count, while Lake Coniston, the recent winner of the Diadem Stakes, joins Soviet Line and Young Ern as nominations for the seven-furlong International Bowl.

British possibles for the 1½-mile International Vase are Del Deya, Urgent Request and Overbury.

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Pakistan's bowlers dawdle as Australia compile formidable total

Fiery McDermott strikes early blow

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RAWALPINDI

AUSTRALIA have given themselves the best possible chance of winning the second Test here. They batted through another 2½ sessions yesterday, and, in the 11 overs remaining, Pakistan lost Saeed Anwar to Craig McDermott while scoring 48. They must now concentrate on survival, and, on a flat pitch, their batsmen will take some shifting.

McDermott bowled with some fire in the last half hour when Steve Waugh's catch in the gully accounted for Anwar, who drove uppishly at the first ball McDermott bowled round the wicket. The altered angle almost did for Sohail as well. He threw his bat at the ball without moving his feet and collected four runs from a Chinese cut. Three more inches and he would have played on.

Steve Waugh had as much cause to rue that stroke as the bowler. Earlier, he did play on, thereby surrendering his wicket for 98. He failed to get fully over one that Waqar had dug in and watched a bail fall after the ball had looped over his shoulder and struck his left leg.

Waugh was one of four men on the day who failed to turn fifty into a hundred. Mark Waugh made 68, Michael Bevan 70, and Ian Healy 58. None of their runs were cheap, but they were made against an attack deprived for lengthy periods of Waqar and Wasim. Mohsin Kamal, one of three men to concede more than 100 runs, was the most successful bowler. Mushtaq, whose 36 overs cost 145, was far and away the worst.

For the second successive day, there was a shocking leg-before decision, and again it was Mahboob Shah, the home umpire, who gave it. On the first day, he had upheld Kamal's appeal against Taylor when the ball was missing leg stump by six inches. Now, he sent Bevan on his way when the left-hander attempted to drive a ball from Waqar that pitched so obviously outside leg stump that the other two stumps were visible.

Steve Waugh and Healy then put together the third century stand of the innings. Before he drove Sohail to deep mid-off, Healy made his thirteenth half century for Australia, which is a handy record. Steven Rhodes is capable of providing the same sort of support for England's top six, but, for the moment, Healy remains the most valuable wicketkeeper/batsman in world cricket.

As he and Waugh were confirming Australia's advantage, the Pakistanis were dawdling. In the hour after lunch, they bowled only 11 overs, a wretched effort. This business will never be resolved until match referees come down hard on malingerers. John Reid, the International Cricket Council's man here, has ducked the issue.

For taking the first day into "extra time", 40 minutes of it, Pakistan should be fined accordingly. Instead, their punishment, which will be announced at the end of the match, is to be based on the loss of just three overs. Like Koko in *The Mikado*, Reid has drawn up a little list — in his case, of factors which prevented the Pakistanis bowling their overs within a normal day's play. Anyone would have thought that bowling 82 was a heroic effort.

The judgments of the umpires have not been outstanding either. Apart from giving those dreadful decisions, Shah failed to call Waqar for a wide when Steve Waugh needed an Ordnance Survey map to locate the ball. Karl Liebenberg, the South African official, permitted Wasim to bowl four balls to Waugh in his first over, back that others would have considered bouncers.

It was quite an effort by Wasim. Although restricted by a side-strain, he put the wind up Waugh. But for a no-ball, Wasim would have had him out for 62 when Waugh slashed a catch to Mushtaq at third man. Twice, Waugh withdrew as Wasim ran in, unsettled by the sledging of Waqar from silly point. Given Waugh's reputation for wit and repertoire, this was a delicious example of the bitter bit.

McDermott is not slow to dispense a few uncomfortable truths. Bowling in a wristwatch, with a tub of cream on his face, he was soon scowling and muttering. Anwar fell, but Sohail hung on. It is to McDermott that the Australians will look today when the Pakistanis resume, needing another 274 to avoid the follow-on.

MUZAMMIL PASHA



Steve Waugh swings a ball to the mid-wicket boundary during an innings of 98 which helped his side to reach 521 for nine before declaring

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor lbw b Mohsin	69
M J Slater c Inzamam b Mohsin	110
D C Boon b Mushtaq	4
M E Waugh c Sohail b Mohsin	68
M Bevan lbw b Waqar	70
S R Waugh b Waqar	98
†I A Healy c Mohsin b Sohail	58
S K Warne c and b Sohail	14
J Angel b Wasim	7
C J McDermott not out	9
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 3, nb 5)	14
Total (9 wkts dec)	521

D W Fleming did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-176, 2-191, 3-198, 4-323, 5-347, 6-456, 7-501, 8-511, 9-521

BOWLING: Wasim 23.5-2-62-1, Waqar 32-5-112-2, Mohsin 26-3-109-3, Mushtaq 36-2-145-1, Sohail 21-3-67-2, Aamer Malik 5-2-16-0, Salim Malik 1-0-4-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar c S R Waugh b McDermott	15
Aamir Sohail not out	28
Zahid Fazal not out	4
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	48

*Salim Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Aamer Malik, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed and Mohsin Kamal to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-28

BOWLING: McDermott 6-2-24-1, Fleming 4-0-18-0, Warne 1-0-5-0

Umpires: K E Liebenberg (South Africa) and Mahboob Shah (Pakistan).

Brassed off in an Arctic city

Tides of History. *Radio 4, 9.45am.*

Looking back at the years he spent as the BBC's man in Moscow, Kevin Connolly cannot find a single thing to say in favour of Norilsk. This conglomerate of smelting works and power stations, 500 miles inside the Arctic Circle, is so bleak and God-forsaken that the local souvenir postcards cannot come up with anything more enticing than a pensioner being picked up by townsfolk after being knocked down by a blizzard. The roads are built with the strength and durability of piecrust pastry. In short, says Connolly, Norilsk *is a history* of Soviet failure, written in crumbling concrete. Everything about Norilsk proclaims it to have been one of Stalin's notorious gulags. Connolly deserves his next posting. It is Paris.

Men of Brass. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

For many a Friday night, the brass band enthusiast Roy Newsome has been inviting us to *Listen to the Band*. Having listened to his bands — and, in my case, having greatly enjoyed them — he now gets down to brass tacks, as it were. His two-part history of the brass band movement in Britain, starts in the early 19th century when small groups played in the streets and collected enough cash to buy more instruments, and received gifts of anything up to 180 eggs. Newsome may not be able to pronounce *La Sonambula* correctly, but he comes across as a brass band expert. Just as important, I don't think I have ever heard him blow his own trumpet.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Claire Sturgess 5.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo including the Golden Hour 12.00 Emma Freud including at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Lynn Parsons, including Office of the Day and more comedy from Gen 4.00 Nicky Campbell including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 10.00 John Peel from Glasgow 1.00am Mark Tonderai plays reggae and hip-hop

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 5.00am Sarah Kennedy 5.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Angela Rippon 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 *Let's Do the Show Right Here*, with Mark Steyn 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Martin Jones at the piano 9.00 Men of Brass: See Choice 10.00 Mavis Nicholson with the *Radio 2 Arts Programme* 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Aidan Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 9.40 Video Review; 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Chain Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Parkinson on Sport: a guide to the sporting weekend 9.05 Now the Good News . . . Bill Hamilton rounds up positive news stories 10.05 Stop Press, with John Diamond 10.35 Financial Week: a business and economic speakeasy, with Heather Payton 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

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6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Classic Verdict 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Jane Markham 1.00am Robert Bodfh

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6.00am Russ'n'Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30 **Open University:** Social Science: The World and You 6.55 Weather 7.00 **On Air:** Schubert (Impromptu in A flat); Ravel (Rapsodie espagnol); Mozart (Exultate, jubilate); Copland (Fanfare for the Common Man); Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 6 Op 191); 8.32 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 1 No 3) 9.00 **Composer of the Week: Rameau.** Roger Savage looks at exotic dance and song from faraway places 10.00 **Musical Encounters,** with Edward Blakeman. Offenbach (Overture: Orpheus in the Underworld); 10.10 *Artist of the Week: Peter Serkin*, piano. Messiaen (Canteyodjaya); Purcell, arr Britten (Grosse Fuge); Takemitsu (Rain Tree Sketch); Poulenc (Piano Concerto) 12.00 **Voices:** The soprano Elly Ameling (r) 1.00pm **News; Chamber Music from Manchester:** Colin Walsh, organ. Vierne (Hymne au soleil, Op 53 No 3); Boely (Allegretto in B minor); Lefébure-Wély (March in C); Franck (Pastorale in E, Op 19); Widor (Intermezzo, Cantabile and Finale, 6th Symphony); Vierne (Carillon de Westminster) 2.00 **Schools:** The Song Tree: Music Course 1. The Starcatcher 2.15 Together Stories 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner 3.00 **Italian Swiss Radio Orchestra** under Yuri Ahronovitch. Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor — original version); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor) 4.30 **The Kaleidoscope in Concert:** Simon Broughton introduces the sounds of *Mazmez* 5.00 **The Music Machine in Hradec Kralove:** The BBC Philharmonic's Salsa Band visits a town in east Bohemia to give a workshop to music students 5.15 **In Tune,** with Richard Baker. Morton Gould (Boogie Woogie Etude); 6.03 Rossini (Overture: La Cenerentola); 6.30 Vierne (Scherzo, *Symphony No 2 in E minor*) 7.30 **Deutsche Romantik: German Romantic Evening.** Susan Sharpe presents a recording of the final concert during last Saturday's Wagner Day, presented by Roger Norrington and the London Classical Players 9.25 **Deutsche Romantik: New Hairstyling in the Grand Duchy.** Dr Philip Brady discusses the many consequences of the Romantic movement 9.45 **The Wanderer:** Schubert's song *Ich kömme von Gebirge her*, sung by Peter Schreier, tenor, together with the *Fantasy in C* based on it played by Mikhail Rudy, piano. 10.15 **Deutsche Romantik: The Romantic Road.** Philip Brady reaches Neuschwanstein 10.35 **Schubert, orch Liszt:** Wanderer Fantasy (Edith Vogel, piano, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra) (r) 11.00 **Romantic Debaclone: Art in the Third Reich.** Frank Whitford on the Nazis 11.45-12.45am **Midnight Oil:** With Alwynne Pritchard

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, with James Naughtie and John Humphrys, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 8.45 Business 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Great Railway Bazaar, by Paul Theroux, read by William Hurt (10/10) 8.58 Weather 9.00 **News 9.05 Desert Island Discs:** James Fenton, professor of poetry at Oxford, is the castaway (r) 9.45 Tides of History: See Choice 10.00-10.30 **News; Hindsight** (FM only): Chris Andrew examines the role of the plague in the creation of the health service 10.00 **An Act of Worship** (LW only) 10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only) (25/41) 10.30 **Woman's Hour:** With Ruth Wishart. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 *The Natural History Programme* 12.00 **News; You and Yours** 12.25pm **The Food Programme:** *Manufacturers of ingredients* which are used in the processed food industry gather in London to exhibit their wares 12.55 Weather 1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool 1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 **News; Classic Serial: Lost Empires,** by J.B. Priestley. With Tom Baker and Bryan Pringle (final part) (r) 3.00 **News; Anderson Country** 4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope in Dublin:** Louise Buck reports on the highlights from this year's Dublin Theatre Festival and on a new exhibition at the Irish Museum of Modern Art 4.45 **Short Story: Humming Dalfish,** by Dean Hawksley. Read by Alec Langdon (r) 5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Walters Behide the Seaside:** John Walters samples a Scottish camping and caravan site (r) 7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers** 7.20 **Pick of the Week** 8.05 **Any Questions?** With Jonathan Dimbleby and panel Robin Cook, MP, Professor Peter Hennessy, John Redwood, MP, and Dr Ann Robinson 8.50 **Advice Line** 9.15 **Letter from America,** by Alistair Cooke 9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature:** Neil Ardley's newest composition for his special blend of jazz and classical instruments (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 **The World Tonight** 10.45 **Booker at Bedtime:** *Beside the Ocean of Tone* by George Mackay Brown, read by Kristin Milward 11.00 **Week Ending:** A satirical look at the week. Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Teresa Gallagher 11.25 **Tee Junction:** Patrick Hannan and guests 11.45 **Clubbing It:** The London's Players Theatre Club, one of the last surviving homes of Victorian music hall (r) 12.00-12.30am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Ebdon digs deep to reverse trend

FROM PHIL YATES IN DUBAI

AN UNDYING belief in your own ability is essential for success at the highest level in any sport, as Peter Ebdon illustrated during a surprise 6-4 victory over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the semi-finals of the Dubai Duty Free Classic at the Al Nasr stadium here yesterday.

Ebdon, the world No 10, is a loner on the snooker circuit and is sometimes misunderstood by his fellow professionals. He keeps socialising with them to a minimum when at tournaments, and, at times, has been known to issue statements that have been misconstrued as arrogant.

It is merely that Ebdon's greatest asset, aside from excellent potting and break-building skills, is a steely determination to make his presence felt. He recognises mental strength as a vitally important ingredient of any leading player's make-up, and, as such, rarely allows his guard to drop.

Interviewed for television before the match, Ebdon said he was "absolutely certain" that he would beat O'Sullivan, who holds the United Kingdom and British Open titles, for the first time in professional competition after six failures.

Few shared that view as O'Sullivan, who beat Ebdon 5-2 in the quarter-finals of this event last year, had played outstandingly well in the earlier rounds. When O'Sullivan established a 4-2 lead, even fewer saw Ebdon as a potential finalist.

Ebdon found himself trailing, despite superb efforts in the first and fourth frames, because O'Sullivan, scoring consistently heavily, had fashioned breaks of 40, 75, 71, 41 and 66.

However, Ebdon had done enough to suggest that an O'Sullivan triumph was by no means a formality, particularly when he stole the opening frame on the black with a 71 clearance after O'Sullivan had carelessly missed a straightforward red to a middle pocket on a break of 70.

Ebdon also constructed a 130 clearance in the fourth frame to level at 2-2. That superseded a run of 127 from Ken Doherty during his 5-4 quarter-final defeat by Stephen Hendry on Wednesday night as the highest break of the tournament's final phase, establishing Ebdon as the favourite to collect a £2,000 bonus. Perhaps negative thoughts of his defeat by Doherty in the semi-finals of the Regal Scottish Masters two weeks ago intruded and caused O'Sullivan to falter at 4-2. Against Doherty, another player who had never beaten him before, O'Sullivan lost 6-5 after leading 3-1, 4-3 and 5-4.

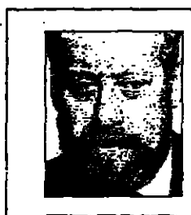
O'Sullivan, 18, began to look pensive when Ebdon won the seventh frame with a 95 break, and his expression darkened to one of genuine concern as additional runs of 45 and 71 unexpectedly carried Ebdon 5-4 ahead.

Leading 37-12 in the tenth frame, O'Sullivan had the opportunity to take the match its full distance, but he missed a black off its spot when in prime position. Ebdon proceeded to fashion a 51 clearance, at which point he punched the air in a mixture of exhilaration and relief.

Ebdon, who will now play Stephen Hendry, the holder, or Alan McManus in the best-of-17-frame final today, was adamant that his technique and experience had taken second place behind positive thinking. "The reason I won today was because I managed to wipe the mental slate clean when it came to my previous defeats by Ronnie," Ebdon said. "I told myself over and over that this was another day, another match and that I wanted to win more than him."

RESULT: Semi-final: P Ebdon (Eng) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng) 6-4

Welwyn Garden City: the place to go looking for an argument



FREUD ON FRIDAY

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Norman, right, tries to make his point to Kirkland

In my day, squash courts were private places to which one took a companion for a specific purpose. This appears to have changed. Courts now have viewing galleries and sometimes translucent back walls behind which is raked seating and a platform for officials.

In my youth, when you mentioned that you had an assignment with someone at a squash court after supper, people said: "I don't think you will be disappointed".

Today, they have world rankings . . . only eight years ago, the No 1, the world champion, was Mr Ross Norman.

The rankings go down to No 280: about a quarter of those players are British. A very few are sponsored: many taking coaching at around £10 an hour, which is a fraction of the remuneration demanded by dental hygienists.

This year, those in the highest realms of the game have formed themselves into the Super Squash League, of which much is expected. On Monday evening, they had the first fixture: ICL Lionherts v Lingfield at Welwyn Garden City. 7pm start. I went.

Some 600 of us waited on platform one at King's Cross station to hear the announcement: "Due to a shortage of rolling stock, the 17.53 service to Letchworth will have only four carriages." At Finsbury Park, 200 more people got on. It was an apposite overture to an evening of squash.

Welwyn Garden City's club has had its problems, but is now on the up. The ICL Lionherts team manager took me to the show court, pointed out the splendour of the construction: built to the highest specifications, excellent lighting, steady bounce from the well-sprung floor, walls that are relatively clean. They looked relatively dirty to me.

There was seating for 80 and a raised area for scorer, referee and man with camcorder, whose pictures feed the screen in the club lounge. Game one involved Angus Kirkland, of Lingfield, rated world No 24, v Norman, now at No 8, playing for the home team.

They knocked up to make the ball fast — high-level squash is played with extra slow balls — and I noticed that rackets today are no longer round but have a soft triangular shape.

Squash is a game that demands supreme physical fitness, brilliant racket control and the ability to argue your point. It is not an exciting game to watch: from love-all, which is how they start, to love-all about a quarter of an hour later, involves seven lets, three arguments and five changes of service. It is some way from being nail-biting, but the arguments are fun.

Players argue with the scorer, the scorer, when overruled, argues with the referee, who argues back. The officials are immensely skilful, knowledgeable practitioners able to tell a let from an obstruction, an "up" from a "not up", and after a while you begin to tune in to the speech pattern.

"Yislyt" means it is a let. "Nowlet" is what he says when he wants to start an argument: "And out" means the service changes. "Down and out" means the ball bounced twice and the service changes.

"Stertukerk" had me fooled for a while, but means Kirkland is to start. When Norman, who remains a classy player and has become an almost perfect arguer, shouted "blobberst" in the middle of a rally and slouched off into a corner of the court, it had me fooled. I had to ask for an explanation. I was told that the ball had burst.

"Come on Ross" is what the home crowd call. "All the way Ross" when he wins a point; "Come back Ross" when he loses one.

Kirkland has a habit of slowly wiping his open palm on the wall or back window after each rally and of asking "Did someone say something?" when he misses shots.

They spend three minutes warming up another ball, then the games went on and on: 35 minutes for the first, 25 for the second. After an hour and 45 minutes the score was two games each, the arguments became longer, the audience took sides, the scorer was overruled when he decreed that Norman running into Kirkland's back was not a let.

"Where do you suggest I should have gone?" Norman, waiting in the centre of the court, insisting on a referee's ruling, asked.

"I didn't see anything that I might have altered," the man making rare use of the retrospective subjunctive negative, a tense that is occasionally taught in English as a second language, said.

And so to the final game of the five: one out said the scorer, I'm calling it a let, said the referee. Straight back Ross, shouted a man in dungarees with a beer gut.

Who went the wrong way then? asked Ross.

He did trip over your foot, said the scorer.

A sleek, American model, factory fresh

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Travellers to the far-off land of the United States sometimes return with stories of golden television series beyond our wildest imaginings. Looking back, it was Sir Walter Raleigh, I think, who first brought news of *Northern Exposure* and *Murphy Brown*, and set us lighting candles for their safe deliverance (see *Northern Exposure: Hoax or Messiah?* BFI paperback, £11.99). How amazing, then, that only a year after its first showing in America, Channel 4 has bought **Bakersfield PD**, a police comedy touted as a witty update of *Car 54, Where Are You?* Admittedly, it might equally be called *Bakersfield PC* — but though at first sight the gimmick does not inspire confidence (black urban cop clashes with white hicks, ho ho) last night's pilot episode turned out to be liberal American comedy at its most slick, sophisticated and hilarious.

It looked effortless, too. All sitcoms face the basic problem: how to get the com to the sit. Why would a successful Washington cop end up in Bakersfield, California? With an economy undreamt of by most British comedy writers, the set-up was established in about 90 seconds. "Hi honey," says black man, returning home. Turn on the city news, he says, we made a big bust today. Glamorous black wife tunes television. An enormously fat, white infertility doctor has been arrested. That's not my story, says man; hey! that's our doctor though, says wife. Doctor has been arrested for donating his own sperm to 75 women patients. Man and wife look at each other. Newscaster says large number of children are therefore dangerously related; one parent has said she'll be "moving as far away as possible". "Hi Mom, hi Dad!" says enormously fat, half-black child, passing through.

It wasn't all visual gags. *Bakersfield PD* sends up buddy stuff ("I felt like kissing him. So I kissed him"); it provides a nice odd-couple pairing of our self-contained hero Paul (Giancarlo Esposito) with big-puppy Wade (Ron Eldard); the men stand around with their chests puffed out like sailors in *South Pacific*; and the whole thing is crowned by the inspired double-act of the dependable station sergeant and his pathologically indecisive captain, to whom the words "You choose" are twin daggers at his breast. "Captain, you have Lieutenant Decker on line one, and Detective Brown on line two." Thus is a pleasant day ruined.

In *Bakersfield PD*, Wade's sad belief is that "I've always felt that part of me is black". In last night's **Critical Eye: Angleterre Underground** (Channel 4), several other pitiable delusions were on show. For a start, the on-screen writer-director Edward Porembny thought he was akin to the New Age travellers in his film, on the ground that, just like them, he was "a pariah". He also seemed to think he was making a larky, inconsequential road movie (with not much in it because the travellers wouldn't talk), and that it would be interesting for people to watch, even if it ended up mainly about the mounting discontent among his crew. The shots of snowy England through the car window were nice, and the crew sometimes elicited good isolated stories, but overall it was sad. It was as though Porembny had heard a Nick Broomfield documentary described, but had never actually seen one.

The crew objected that Porembny was misrepresenting what he saw, to back up a preconceived philosophical idea — but a free television licence stamp will wing its way to anyone who could identify this idea from what finally appeared on screen. *Angleterre Underground* was all over the place. As with a Broomfield film or a Michael Moore report, the best televisual material came from the opponents to the travellers, mainly because they at least brought issues into focus. I particularly liked the two middle-class men practising golf swings on a bright green, artificial sward, complaining about a nearby traveller encampment. "They ought to ask themselves, what do they want out of life?" Coming from someone dressed in parti-coloured knitwear, whacking little balls with a stick, it was a good point.

The posthumous **Taggart** (ITV) is pretty hard to take, and not only because it's grisly to watch Mark McManus knowing he's dead. (Actually, he appeared in very few scenes last night.) No, what made it so difficult to watch was the relentless bang-bang-bang of short scenes ending in a narrative "Huh?" (woman opens door, gasps — that sort of thing). Still, no doubt all will be explained as the story continues over the next two weeks, and meanwhile it's quite funny that in the run-up to the fabulously exciting and colourful Booker Prize next Tuesday we get a story about the fictitious "McGregor Shortbread Award", among whose shortlisted authors the disgruntled Glaswegian dirty realist is suspected of delivering death threats to the despised pap-novel bestseller.

How unlike the home life of our own literary elite! Alcoholism, jealousy, adultery — oh hang on, what am I saying? Scrub that. What seems jolly obvious in this "Who's after Cameron Friel?" mystery is that surely someone should *read his new book* and find out who his enemies are. Friel has written an exposé of the literary scene, presumably distributing copies to his peers with the words "Yoo hoo!" pencilled beside their names in the index. So won't the answer lie therein? In action terms, it would represent a whole new approach to police drama: an hour of prime time in which a policeman with a cup of cocoa slowly reads a book, and just before each commercial break, *underlines something*.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (50397)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34707281)

9.05 Kids' Kilroy. Young people discuss whether children with a disability can be active in society (s) (9066823) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear.** Verbal communications game (s) (22858)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1409620)

10.05 Labour Party Live. Coverage of the last day of the conference, from the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, presented by Huw Edwards, Sheena McDonald and Jon Sopel. Includes **News** and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (38721945) **12.55pm Regional News** and weather (26446755)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (45804)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (89941200) **1.50 Turnabout.** Word power game show presented by Rob Curling (s) (83014718)

2.20 The Flying Doctors. Australian medical drama. (Ceefax) (s) (1131378) **3.05 Greenfingers.** Irish gardening series (s) (3535216)

3.35 Popeye (4027842) **3.45 TVK** (s) (4014378) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (7995484) **4.10 Get Your Own Back.** Slapstick game show (s) (6794823) **4.35 Record Breakers** presented by Cheryl Baker and Kriss Akabusi. (Ceefax) (s) (9925113)

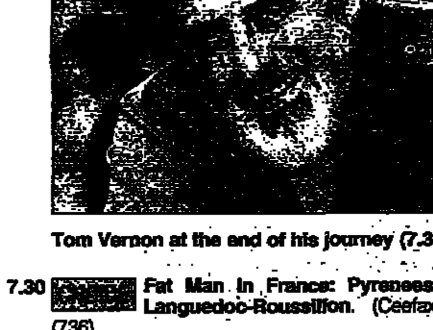
5.00 Newsround (8318823) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5438674)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (198571)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (200)

6.30 Regional news magazines (552). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Wipeout. Game show presented by Paul Daniels. (Ceefax) (s) (3910). **Wales:** Inside Out



Tom Vernon at the end of his journey (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **Fat Man in France: Pyrenees and Languedoc-Roussillon.** (Ceefax) (s) (736)

8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth continues her search for a country retreat. Starring Patricia Routledge (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2858)

8.30 Big Break. Snooker game show. Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined by Dennis Taylor, Ronnie O'Sullivan and Allison Fisher. (Ceefax) (s) (8465)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1533)

9.30 CHOICE **Out of This World.** (Ceefax) (s) (80910). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25 Out of This World 11.25-1.05am: Film: Catholic Boys

10.30 FILM: Betrayal of Silence (1989) starring Meg Foster. Courtroom drama about an inexperienced assistant district attorney prosecuting a respected head of a foster home accused of savagely beating one of his teenage charges. Directed by Jeffrey Woolnough. (Ceefax) (s) (29268007)

12.05am FILM: A Study in Terror (1965) starring John Neville. Sherlock Holmes leads the hunt for Jack the Ripper. Directed by James Hill (363779)

1.40 Weather (4233663)

BBC2

6.45am Open University

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3827668)

8.15 Littl' Bits (r) (4662088) **8.40 Mr Benn** (r) (2854823) **8.55 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends** (r) (9566084)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2016129)

2.00 Fireman Sam (37566262)

2.10 NEW **Sport on Friday.** The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **2.30, 3.05** and **3.40** Racing from Ascot; and Gymnastics, the apparatus finals of the Birmingham Classic. Includes **news** and weather at **2.55** (138303)

3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (4243115)

4.00 FILM: Nothing Sacred (1937) starring Carole Lombard and Fredric March. A black comedy about a cynical newspaperman who writes a series of articles about a once dying young woman even when she is given a clean bill of health. William Wellman directs (7010552)

5.15 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (8304620)

5.25 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4549674)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (512858)

6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Classic comedy detective series (226465)

7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music (s) (351129)

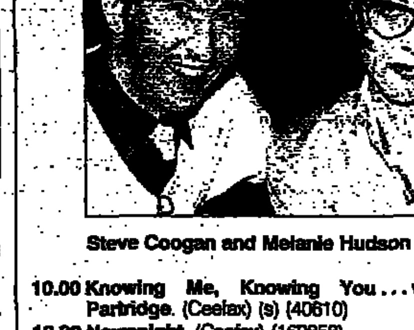
7.30 Sounds of the Seventies featuring performances from Abba, David Essex and the Carpenters (r) (378)

8.00 CHOICE **Closing the Coalhouse Door** (4200)

8.30 Front Gardens (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6007)

9.00 Red Dwarf VI (r). Ceefax) (s) (5303)

9.30 The Longest Walk. Ffyona Campbell reflects on her four months in Spain and France (s) (31552)



Steve Coogan and Melanie Hudson (10.00pm)

10.00 Knowing Me, Knowing You... with Alan Partridge. (Ceefax) (s) (40610)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (160858)

11.15 Loose Talk. Topical comedy series (515533)

11.45 The Larry Sanders Show. Comedy about an American chat show and its host. (Ceefax) (s) (435939) **12.10am Weather** (9461866)

12.15 The Fugitive (b/w). Classic man-on-the-run drama series. (Ceefax) (3511205)

1.05 FILM: Raven's End (1970, b/w) starring Thommy Berggren. Swedish drama about a young factory worker living in a small city slum who takes off for Stockholm. Directed by Bo Widerberg. English subtitles (506798). Ends at **2.45**

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CHOICE



Sue Cook examines the paranormal (BBC 1, 9.30pm)

Out of This World
BBC1, 9.30pm

With the help of a studio audience and an amplitude of sofas, Sue Cook hosts a one-off special about the paranormal. Four tall tales are presented and chewed over by experts Lyall Watson (open-minded) and Susan Blackmore (sceptical). Those inclined to be dismissive may be brought up short by a poll for the programme which found that 36 per cent had had odd and unexplained experiences. The show features a Hull housewife who had premonitions of the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster and an attack on the Pope. We hear how a ten-inch long skeleton found in Devon has brought tragedy to anybody who has touched it. And there is the ghost of a young woman which has been haunting motorists on a hill in Kent.

Flashback
Channel 4, 3.25pm

The ITN reporter Michael Nicholson hosts a pilot show which revisits news stories of yesteryear and catches up with some of the ordinary people who featured in them. The first stop is Toxteth, scene of street riots in 1981. The programme features some of the children lobbing the rocks, two of the young police officers sent in to deal with them and a community relations officer who tried to hold the ring. The second news event is the storm which swept through Kent and Sussex in 1987 and made a wally of weatherman Michael Fish. Fish having suffered enough, the spotlight turns on Bob Oakley, a local paper journalist who turned pictures of the storm damage into a book and started his own publishing company.

Closing the Coalhouse Door
BBC2, 8.00pm

The closure of Ellington colliery, the last surviving pit in the Durham and Northumberland coalfield, is the peg for a look at the mining culture of the North East. At the turn of the century the area employed 200,000 miners and produced 56 million tons of coal a year. Mining was not just an industry but a way of life. Illustrated with archive film, John Mapplebeck's report takes in banners, brass bands, football and the annual Durham Gala. It celebrates the strength and resourcefulness of miners' wives. It shows how communities were bound even closer by pit disasters and disputes. Contributors include the actor Alun Armstrong, the agony aunt Denise Robertson, and the former Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins.

Fat Man in France
BBC1, 7.30pm

Tom Vernon concludes an enjoyable, unpretentious series in the Pyrenees, where he treats us to more of his fluent French and loses no opportunity to sample the local food and wine. He has hardly had time to mount his bike than he is deep in a vineyard, helping to pick the grapes and tasting the end product. Then he is off to a family lunch with Catalan recipes. The menu features giant meatballs and platefuls of snails. Presumably too full to move, Tom puts his bike on a cute little train and goes up into the hills. The final stop is a town famous for Molière and pastries. Tom is happy to skip the drama and tuck into the food. There is fine scenery as well, admirably captured by the unseen and unsung camera team. **Peter Waymark**

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6.00am GMTV (4682216)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Shopping game show (s) (9062007) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2920376)

10.00 The Time... the Place... Topical discussion series (s) (1498842)

10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (99576378) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1461668)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8348991)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2356910) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (31511281)

1.55 NEW **The Chrystal Rose Show.** Domestic violence is the subject for the opening programme of the third series (31113787)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53511200) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Scottish drama (1827200)

3.20 ITN News headlines (6376129) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (s) (6295200)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (4004991) **3.45 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (2296200) **4.05 Avenger Penguins** (s) (7822755) **4.30 Taz-Mania** (6442007) **4.40 Knightmare** (s) (4597378)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (9148281)

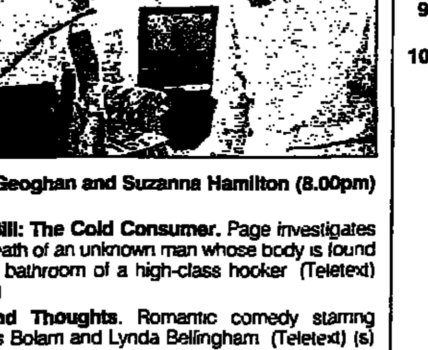
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (446755)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (436484)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (833804)

7.00 Catchphrase. Quiz game show hosted by Roy Walker. (Teletext) (5378)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (804)



Lisa Geoghan and Suzanna Hamilton (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: The Cold Consumer. Page investigates the death of an unknown man whose body is found in the bathroom of a high-class hooker (Teletext) (4026)

8.30 Second Thoughts. Romantic comedy starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (Teletext) (s) (3533)

9.00 Missing. Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster with details of missing people. (Teletext) (3484)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (40656)

10.30 FILM: Night of the Hunter (1991) starring Richard Chamberlain and Diana Scarwid. Drama about a psychopath who kills a fellow prisoner in a failed attempt to discover the whereabouts of a fortune. On his release he makes for the dead man's home town and ingratiates himself into the family in order to get his hands on the money. Directed by David Greene (59507736)

12.15am London Tonight (Teletext) (8500934)

12.25 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. American courtroom drama series starring Sharon Gless (s) (3528595)

1.20 Whale On with James Whale (s) (9286514)

2.25 ITV Chart Show (s) (6641392)

3.25 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (1930175)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (98021)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (82088)

5.30 ITN News headlines (47866)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Chicken Minute (r) (7499649)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (68755)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (18113)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** Maths Everywhere **10.25** The Technology Programme **1.40** Off Limits **11.05** Schools at Work **11.11** Time for Maths **11.22** Stage One **11.40** How We Used to Live (879736)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Black Bear. Walter and Myrna Berlat's wildlife film of the North American black bear (r) (90179)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (61910) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (45755)

2.00 FILM: Dance Hall (1950, b/w) starring Natasha Parry, Petula Clark, Diana Dors and Jane Hylton. An Ealing drama about four factory girls who find romance and excitement in a London dance hall. Directed by Charles Crichton (2097179)

3.20 The Wardrobe. British animation from the 1960s, directed by George Dunning (6294571)

3.25 CHOICE **Flashback** (4673484)

4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (945)

5.00 The Nick. A repeat of Monday's first in a series of three about the policemen and women stationed in a Leeds suburb (r) (Teletext) (s) (5991)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (910)

6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee (r). (Teletext) (262)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (609194)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But... A person in the news receives some unsolicited advice (865552)

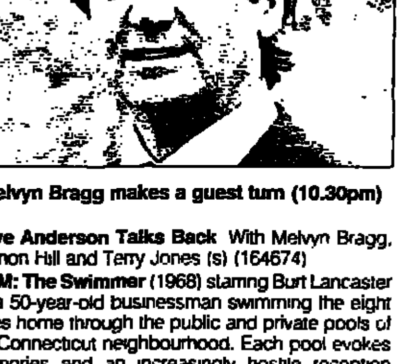
8.00 Class Action. Education magazine presented by Deborah Davies and Jon Snow (2668)

8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (7303)

9.00 Garden Club presented by Roy Lancaster and Matthew Biggs (Teletext) (7571)

9.30 The Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (26620)

10.00 Frasier. Comedy spin-off from *Cheers*, starring Kelsey Grammer. (Teletext) (s) (40638)



Melvyn Bragg makes a guest turn (10.30pm)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back With Melvyn Bragg, Damon Hill and Terry Jones (s) (164674)

11.10 FILM: The Swimmer (1968) starring Burt Lancaster as a 50-year-old businessman swimming the eight miles home through the public and private pools of his Connecticut neighbourhood. Each pool evokes memories and an increasingly hostile reception from the residents he meets. Directed by Frank Perry and Sydney Pollack (729723)

12.55am FILM: Donovan's Brain (1953, b/w) starring Lew Ayres. Science fiction chiller about a scientist who comes under the malign influence of the brain of a ruthless tycoon he keeps alive in his laboratory. Directed by Felix Feist (8985088)

2.20 Green Cop Rocker. A study of the life of a New York Irish policeman who is also a musician in a rock band (r) (s) (9553750). Eneds at **2.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (89946755) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2556007) **4.05** Avenger Penguins (7822755) **4.30-4.40** Taz Mania (6442007) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (9148281) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (833804) **10.40** John Stapleton Tonight (447804) **11.40** MacGyver (687755) **12.40am** Spawn of the Slithis (506682) **2.15** Whale On (6661156) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7615750) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21096205) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5505311)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89946755) **2.20** Fashion File (53503281) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (1827200) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (9148281) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (833804) **10.40** Central Weekend (8694378) **12.10am** Kojak (5015330) **1.05** Whale On (4809885) **2.05** The Big E (6665972) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (88156) **4.00** Jobfinder (7964446) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8720595)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (8356910) **1.25** Simply Delicious (81511281) **1.55** Brand New Life (8100858) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (1827200) **5.10-5.40** Ryan Giggs' Soccer Skills (9148281) **6.25** Granada Tonight (502991) **6.50** Kick Off (381755) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (5378) **10.30** Granada News (830200) **10.35** Murder By Decree (91060991) **12.40am** Spawn of the Slithis (506682) **2.15** Whale On (6661156) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7615750) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21096205) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5505311)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 ITN News Headlines (2920378) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1461668) **1.55** Take the High Road (31113787) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2624910) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8295200) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9148281) **5.55** Home and Away (194755) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (833804) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (552910) **10.40** Project X (29206755) **12.40am** Spawn of the Slithis (506682) **2.15** Whale On (6661156) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7615750) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21096205) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5505311)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 3.25-3.30 HTV News (6295200) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (833804) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (552910)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2920378) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1461668) **1.55** A Country Practice (89946755) **2.20** Take the High Road (53503281) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1827200) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6295200) **4.05** Avenger Penguins (7822755) **4.30-4.40** Taz Mania (6442007) **5.10** Home and Away (9148281) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes: Your Story (180939) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (23533) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (40656) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (552910) **10.40** Meridian Spotlight (8694378) **12.10am** Phil Collins - A Closer Look (5935224) **1.15** INXS - Live Baby Live (357601) **2.15** Noisy Mothers (348953) **3.15** The New Music (344137) **4.15** America's Top Ten (69156) **4.45** Music Box Profile (82089205) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (82088)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Travel Trails (31113787) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (53502552) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9148281) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (23533) **10.40** Weekend War (27249216) **12.30am** Profile (2922663) **12.40** Spawn of the Slithis (506682) **2.15** Whale On (6661156) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7615750) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (21096205) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5505311)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89946755) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (2714587) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9148281) **6.55** Calendar (856007) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (620) **10.40** Married with Children (923858) **11.10** Dracula - Prince of Darkness (929741) **12.55am** Whale On (2100156) **1.55** The Big E (8381156) **2.50** The Wild Bunch (56878882) **5.00-5.30** Sprockets (82088)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (68755) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (18113) **9.30** Ysgolion (879736) **12.00pm** Profiles of Nature. The Black Bear (90179) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (46484) **1.00** Sesame Street (41939) **2.00** Scrimpers (2604) **2.30** Cluny Brown (47589277) **4.20** Hector Heathcote (7071858) **4.30** Boy Meets World (945) **5.00** 5 Pump (5484) **5.30** Fifteen To One (397) **6.00** Newyddion (603674) **6.20** Heno (856755) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6620) **7.30** Dim Clw (674) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (2668) **8.30** Newyddion (7303) **9.00** Meterion Tramor Viva Zapata! (7571) **9.30** Spirits, Ghosts and Demons (26620) **10.00** Brookside (40638) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (164674) **11.10** The Swimmer (729723) **12.55am** Donovan's Brain (8985088) **2.20** Green Cop Rocker (9553750)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (59664113) **8.45** Cartoons (7682823) **9.30** Card Sharks (66216) **10.00** Concentration (61378) **10.30** Game Show (36587) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (84194) **12.00** Urban Peasant (54939) **12.30pm** E Street (64804) **1.00** Falcon Crest (65587) **2.00** Hart to Hart (62007) **3.00** Class of '96 (9820858) **3.50** DJ Kat (3838842) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3129) **6.00** Gamesworld (3804) **6.30** Spellbound (7484) **7.00** E Street (4858) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3668) **8.00** Code Three (7378) **8.30** Sightings (9113) **9.00** The Brighton Bomb — Ten Years On (68020) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (10007) **11.00** Late Show (866200) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (767194) **12.45am** Barney Miller (26953) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (23866)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1447649) **9.30** Worldwide (99378) **10.30** ABC Nightline (34129) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (67945) **2.30** Travel Destinations (8945) **3.30** Special Report (5262) **6.00** Littlejohn (70485) **9.30** FT Reports (75910) **11.30** CBS News (58804) **12.30am** ABC News (68885) **1.10** Littlejohn (1269717) **2.10** Newswatch (5553865) **2.30** FT Reports (89427) **3.30** Special Report (80779) **4.30** CBS News (81934) **5.30** ABC News (97088)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2908216) **10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story:** As 6pm (67921587) **11.40 Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines** (1965) (71425842) **2.00pm Dragnet** (1969): Spin-off from the cop show (69277) **4.00 Journey to the Far Side of the Sun** (1969): Sci-fi (5533) **6.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992): Drama (14823) **8.00 Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot** (1992): Comedy (54554262) **9.40 US Top Ten** (848571) **10.00 Hard to Kill** (1990): Action (371113) **11.45 Pray for Death** (1985). Martial arts (583281) **1.35am Glengarry Glen Ross** (1992): Drama (451934) **3.10 Silent Thunder** (1992). Thriller (3978046) **4.40 Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot:** As 8pm (1828972). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Broken Arrow (1950): Western (89129) **8.00 The Heiress** (1949): Drama (84674) **10.00 The Getaway** (1972): Caper (70939). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Walk the Proud Land (1956): Western (25842) **8.00 Frank Einstein:** As 4pm (26991) **9.00 Treasure Island:** As 4.55pm (43213) **10.00 Red Garters** (1954). Musical (89262) **12.00 The Haunted School** (1986): For children (87552) **2.00pm If You Knew Susie** (1948): Comedy (89259) **4.00 Frank: Einstein** Animation (6118571) **4.55 Treasure Island.** Animation (9584649) **5.45 Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (1971) Fantasy (91292228) **7.30 The Movie Show** (6378) **8.00 Are You Lonesome Tonight** (1991): Drama (17910) **10.00 The Lover** (1992): Erotic love story (527787) **11.55 Deceived** (1991): Thriller (841842) **1.45am Meet the Feebles** (1991): Comedy (462040) **3.25-5.00 Comrades of Summer** (1993) Sports drama (86039885)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6931113) **7.15** WWF All American (324378) **8.15** Soccer News (7926282) **8.30** Golf and All its Glory (79620) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (79823) **10.00** Baseball (62587) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (56484) **12.30pm** Straight from the Training Ground (42059113) **12.45** Sports Classics (42054668) **1.00** European PGA Golf (7227281) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (61858) **7.00** Rugby League: Warrington v Bradford Northern (692649) **9.30** Boot Room (68736) **10.30** Soccer Magazine (33533) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (42755) **12.00-2.00am** The Big League (683392)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00pm World Sport (6563945) **6.30** British Rally Championships (6481397) **7.00** Ladies Golf Spanish Open (4419465) **9.00** European PGA Golf: Dunhill Cup (4502129) **10.00-1.00am** Snooker: Dubai Classic (6786262)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (47736) **9.00** Triathlon (41129) **10.00** Live Volleyball (5579007) **2.00pm** Live Tennis (2141484) **7.30** Eurosport News (2194) **8.00** Live Volleyball (42674) **10.00** Boxing (58281) **11.00** Wrestling (37823) **12.00** Motorsport (59798) **1.00-1.30am** News (24663)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (5940939) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5190910) **1.00** Alaska Video Postcards (4018200) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5189281) **2.00** Dive Miami (5477552) **2.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (6562216) **3.00** Round Trip (5589587) **3.30** Mansions (6461533) **4.00** Sky Travel (6480668) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6479552) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5468804) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in America (6460804)



The Brighton hotel bomb remembered (Sky One, 9.00pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5930552) **8.30** Peyton Place (5939823) **9.00** As The World Turns (2127842) **10.00** Guiding Light (2018020) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8618624)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7024649) **9.30** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (1577552) **10.00** Life is for Living (4958910) **10.30** Total Baby (1475007) **11.30** The Dad Film (5760620) **12.00** Divorcing Daddy (7037113) **12.30pm** Work in Progress (1588668) **1.00** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (5548303) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (1587939) **2.00** Parents Talking (1847620) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (1104002) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1866755) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2859197)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8547991) **7.30** Neighbours (8666026) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9104668) **8.30** EastEnders (9103939) **9.00** The Bill (9187991) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5808194) **10.30** Casualty (86486620) **11.35** The Sullivans (19177484) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9107755) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1415200) **1.00** EastEnders (8646262) **1.30** The Bill (1414571) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8217465) **2.30** Rosie (9047649) **3.00** Knots Landing (3128200) **4.00** Dynasty (3114007) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2468823) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (4408129) **5.50** Sykes (7838378) **6.30** EastEnders (9135858) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (8211281) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (3051842) **8.00** Hazell (6301823) **9.00** Casualty (6494587) **10.00** The Bill (9108484) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1475620) **11.10** Carrott Confidential (4889465) **11.50** Dr Who (7277200) **12.20am** FILM: The Way to the Stars (1945): War film (1579791) **2.15-3.00** Shopping (8631882)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Raikan III (4243945) **6.15** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (377200) **6.45** Casper (376571) **7.15** Head to Head (6378200) **7.25** Garfield (1198465) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (5283991) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2115804) **8.40** Titou (8485303) **8.50** Coconnel (8481587) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (85533) **10.00** Christopher Crocodile (32465) **11.00** Kitty Cats (72397) **11.30** Barney and Friends (73026) **12.00** Raikan III (78674) **12.30pm** Head to Head (18136945) **12.40** Garfield (4340484) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (14383026) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54518026) **1.50** Titou (54507910) **2.00** Babar (9910) **2.30** Twinkle (8533) **3.00** Tic Tac (3241194) **3.10** Around the World (5687194) **3.45** The Bots Master (989194) **4.15** Head to Head (1205129) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (8397)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (31649) **7.30** Grimmy (3553026) **7.45** Rugrats (721007) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9728264) **8.30** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (43910) **9.00** Nick Jr (818910) **12.00** Pee-Wee (54026) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (71281) **1.00** Doug (23620) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (70552) **2.00** Denver (3026) **2.30** Smoggies (6213) **3.00** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (2633) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (9620) **4.00** Grimmy (8756) **4.30** Rugrats (4939) **5.00** Clarissa (4378) **5.30** Doug (8991) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5804) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (9484)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Flamingo Island (9052571) **4.30** Natural Causes (9058755) **5.00** Magic or Medicine? (8218194) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1498533) **7.00** Search for Adventure (6496945) **8.00** Fat Man in Argentina (6309465) **9.00** Treasure Islands (3101533) **9.30** Coral Reef (1400378) **10.00** High Five (9106026) **10.30** Paramedics (9288674) **11.00** Wings of the Red Star (8654281)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: She'll Have to Go (1962): Bob Monkhouse farce (3475571) **2.00pm** The Avengers (3463736) **3.00** My Three Sons (8221668) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (8037262) **4.00** FILM: Five Golden Dragons (1967) (8225484) **6.00** Get Smart (9139674) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (6059194) **7.30** Saber of London (9046910) **8.00** Avengers (6398991) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3201587) **9.30** FILM: Bucket of Blood (1959) (6351129) **11.00-12.00** Time Tunnel (8658007)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2880668) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3935246) **8.00** Fighting Back (7029194) **8.30** The Truth About Women (7028465) **9.00** Keith Floyd (7130736) **9.35** Definition (4409216) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4950378) **10.30** Susan Powter Show (7111129) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3943668) **11.55** Calendar Fashion Show (2565858) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34159281) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (4705200) **1.30** Going to Pot (1572007) **2.00** Agony Hour (4951007) **3.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (1067277) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46173007) **4.00** Infatuation UK (5809610) **4.30** Definition (57578842) **4.55** Spain on a Plate (3601465) **5.30** Kate and Allie (6455754) **6.00** Material World (9605277) **6.30** Musiquest (4982699) **7.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (4691587) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4504007) **9.00** FILM: Coma (83879668) **11.10** Gladrags and Glamour (5212216) **11.30-12.00** The Susan Powter Show (4949262)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (8642) **5.30** Motormouth (67533) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (3842) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8886) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (8026) **8.00** Avonlea (80804) **9.00** Moonlighting (22228) **10.00** Catchphrase (79303) **10.30** GP (82823) **11.00** Lou Grant (33194) **12.00** Rhoda (73243) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (37953) **1.00** Tintin (64205) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (67327) **2.00** Moonlighting (85359) **3.00** Lou Grant (13068) **4.00** Rhoda (29779) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (85798)

MTV
6.00am Wildside (64571) **7.30** The Grind (45939) **8.00** Wildside (30295) **9.00** VJ Ingo (541216) **12.00** Soul (55084) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (12552) **2.00** The Afternoon Mix (501823) **4.30** Report (2390213) **4.45** CineMatic (7340718) **5.00** News **5.15** Three from One (4771736) **5.30** The Pulse (1007) **6.00** Music Non-Stop (81533) **8.00** Greatest Hits (82262) **9.00** Most Wanted (55620) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (84281) **11.00** Report (510194) **11.15** Cinematic (606945) **11.30** News (503939) **11.45** Three from One (591194) **12.00** Party Zone (95514) **2.00am** Soul (97717) **3.00** The Grind (86427) **3.30** Videos (1627798)

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7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (5468741) **9.00** Café (1094129) **12.00** The Bridge (6920587) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best: Bryan Ferry (6996755) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8385945) **3.30** Into the Music (7308552) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5280587) **7.00** For You (4411823) **8.00** Soul (4420571) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Dave Stewart (4417007) **10.00** Saturday Night Live (5943026) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (5025674) **11.00** Around and Around (5363197) **12.00** The Nightfly (5449243) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1794359) **3.00** Soul (8992392) **4.00** Ten of the Best: Dave Stewart (8276717) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (67649) **7.00** Asian Morning (10484) **8.30** Buniyaad (96484) **9.00** Film: Yeh Gulistan Hamara (463484) **12.00** Din (21200) **1.00pm** Film: Pyar Ke Saaya (456674) **4.00** Kiddie Time (6939) **4.30** TVA and You (39113) **5.30-6.00** Buniyaad (2303) **7.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (7842) **7.30** Fashion Show (5668) **8.00** News (3262) **8.30** Waqt (2397) **9.00** Film: Laal Saab (71939007) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6796427) **1.35** Sight and Sound (29344330)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Dead or Alive
7.00pm Between Two Worlds (1944). Ocean liner thriller (89569246)
9.10 Joe the Busybody (1959): Gallic comedy (54070858)
10.45 Space Ghost Coast to Coast: Chat show, with Susan Powter (56437200)
11.00 Wicked Wicked (1973): Horror tale filmed in "duo vision" (69656576)
12.45am The Maltese Bippy (1969): House of horrors spoof (81771224)
3.25 What a Carve Up! (1962): Family members are murdered one by one (88290408). Ends at **5.00**

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Els homes in on victory after weathering storm at St Andrews

PHOTOGRAPHS: IAN STEWART



Els, of South Africa, plays his tee shot at the 18th on his way to victory over Yeh Chang-ting, of Taiwan, in the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday

Coltart spares Scottish blushes

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

IT was fun for Greg Norman, playing his first competitive round for six weeks, and it was fun — in the end — for Andrew Coltart, who spared Scotland the embarrassment of yet another defeat by Paraguay, not so much dark horses nowadays as renowned dangerous floaters.

St Andrews was at its most bracing yesterday, with a fierce westerly wind and the scoring in the first round of the tenth Alfred Dunhill Cup reflected as much. Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, took 81 but won his match by four shots and Ernie Els, the US Open champion, who four-putted twice, confessed he was "really embarrassed after beating a guy with 81".

Howard Clark helped England to a 3-0 victory against Spain despite taking 80, but he had a few words to say about it. "It was ridiculous out there. It was hideous to be playing golf and even the crows were walking. On the 6th hole Miguel Martin's second shot missed the green left, his pitch went 30 feet past and as he got to the ball it started rolling and stopped inches from the hole. I asked the referee, 'When does it become unplayable?' and got no answer really."

Clark three-putted seven times and Barry Lane six but Wayne Westner, looking a little shell-shocked after his Dunhill Cup debut for South Africa, three-putted nine times and only lost by a single shot to Chen Tze-chung. "I started three putt, three putt, three putt, three putt," Westner said, "and once you've made a few..."

Gusts of over 50 miles per hour were recorded and, at one time, David Garland, the tournament director, was close to calling the whole thing off, with cars lined up to bring the players in. At the exposed holes around the loop from the 8th to the 11th, a ball would oscillate rather than rest on the greens, but Garland called the Met Office and was reassured that the wind was at full strength and would be gusting rather than constant. "Worst wind I've ever played in," was a fairly common comment from all those who played yesterday.

The one player who had relatively few problems was Norman, well rested after his enforced lay-off and a man with no attitude problems at all. "I enjoyed it," he said after returning an exceptional round of 72, level par. It was matched later by Darren Clarke and Greg Turner, who played the last few holes in slightly less windy conditions.

"I played well," said Norman, who had an eagle three at the 14th, where he hit a three-wood 263 yards to 25 feet and holed for a three. "It's the same for everybody and the card is not as big a factor when you're playing head to head. It becomes a bit of fun and you can play shots you don't play in the United States and reminisce about conditions like these when I was growing up, playing in Europe."

Norman thought conditions were worse two years ago, when there was rain, sleet and hail as well as wind. The object, he said, was just to win and it did not matter what score you win with. As he became aware he was playing well, he wanted to break par but he dropped a shot at the 17th, the Road Hole that has been such a factor in making matches in this event tense affairs.

Impressive though his score was, Norman was not particularly impressed himself. "From the critical factor of how important it was to me, I wouldn't put it anywhere," he said. In the context of Open championships and the like, this is, in essence, inconsequential nonsense, but try telling that to Scotland, particularly Coltart, who was making his debut for his country as a professional.

He was mighty nervous before his match with Raul Fretes, conqueror of Colin Montgomerie, the Scotland captain, last year but settled his nerves by going out in 37, one over par, to be five shots ahead of the Paragnayan.

However, this is a funny old format and the men were level when the match came to the 18th — Gordon Brand Jr had lost to Angel Franco but Montgomerie had Carlos Franco in hand, so Scotland's fate and pride rested with their 24-year-old rookie.

He holed from 10 feet for a birdie three at the last but Fretes followed him in and it was off down the first again, the centre of attention. Coltart, sensibly, took more club than he needed and cleared the Swilcan Burn so comfortably he nearly cleared the green too. Fretes, crazily, was less cautious and his shot cleared the burn by a foot or so before falling back in.

All Coltart had to do was two putt — on this day of all days — from 60-odd feet, downhill, with the pin a mere seven yards from the water. His first effort was six feet short but the second was right in the middle. Nae bother.

RESULTS

GROUP 1

New Zealand 2 Ireland 1 (New Zealand names first) F Nobilo 74 lost to D Clarke 72, G Turner 72 bt P McGinley 77, G Waite 80 bt P Walton 81.

United States 2 Japan 1 (United States names first) T Kite 75 lost to N Sarizawa 74, C Strange 78 bt T Maruyama 80, F Couples 75 bt Y Mizumaki 80

GROUP 2

Australia 2 France 1 (Australia names first) S Elkington 75 bt J Van de Velde 76, R Allenby 78 lost to J L Guepy 77, G Norman 72 bt M Besanceney 76

England 3 Spain 0 (England names first), B Lane 76 bt J Rivero 77; H Clark 80 bt M A Martin 82, M Roe 75 bt M A Jiménez 80

GROUP 3

Scotland 2 Paraguay 1 (Scotland names first), G Brand Jr 79 lost to A Franco 74, A Coltart 78 bt R Fretes 78 at first extra hole; C Montgomerie 78 bt C Franco 79.

South Africa 2 Taiwan 1 (South Africa names first): W Westner 84 lost to Chen Tze-chung 83; E Els 81 bt Yeh Chang-ting 83, D Frost 76 bt Chen Tze-ming 77

GROUP 4

Zimbabwe 2 Germany 1 (Zimbabwe names first) N Price 76 bt B Langer 78; T Johnstone 81 lost to A Cejka 76; M McNulty 76 bt S Struver 82.

Sweden 2 Canada 1 (Sweden names first) G Hjertstedt 76 bt D Barr 76 at second extra hole, J Parnevik 77 lost to R Stewart 76, A Forsbrand 81 bt R Gibson 85



Price, left, and Langer in relaxed mood during their match

Tyneside ready for Ferguson's next nightmare

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

FOR Manchester United, the pressure is unrelenting. Last week, they escaped from the jaws of hell in Istanbul, when they shared a goalless duel with Galatasaray in the European Champions' League; this week, the draw from hell — a tie against Newcastle United at St James' Park in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup. With Alex Ferguson's weary braves still pursuing silverware on four fronts, it was undoubtedly the match-up that he least wanted.

Television moguls will be salivating at the prospect, on October 26, of the FA Carling Premiership champions taking on the League leaders and this season's chief title pretenders. Tyneside hostelries will be alive with talk of Newcastle being able to prove their true championship credentials just three days before the pair meet in Premiership combat at Old Trafford.

"It's an unbelievable draw," Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman said. "It would have made a tremendous final. A couple of years ago, the reaction to getting Manchester United would have meant fear and trepidation, but not any more. United play tremendous football, but I think we're a bit better."

Aston Villa, the holders, play Middlesbrough, second in the Endsleigh first division, which pits Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, against Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, who guided Robson as a player at Old Trafford. "I suspect Bryan will be out on the pitch, but it might be better for us if he was on the touchline with me," Atkinson said.

Mansfield Town, the sole survivors from the third division, take on Millwall at Field Mill — scant reward for beating Leeds United in round two — while Brighton, the second division's sole surviving representative, play Swindon Town.

The United-United tussle, while attracting most of the glamour of a distinctly unglamorous third round, is just one of six all-Premiership ties, with three to be played in London. Queens Park Rangers host Manchester City, Chelsea travel to West Ham United and Crystal Palace stay at home for their away game against Wimbledon, their tenants at Selhurst Park.

Arsenal, who have been drawn away to Oldham Athletic, and Chelsea can be grateful to Coventry and Ipswich after having their fixture congestion eased by the Premier League. Both sides faced the punishing prospect of two games in 48 hours because of Uefa's demands that European Cup Winners' Cup-ties must be staged on a Thursday.

Chelsea face Austria Vienna at home on October 20, the night that Arsenal, the holders, face Brondby in Denmark, with the reverse fixtures a fortnight later.

Now both clubs can relax as their weekend Premiership games have been moved back to the Sunday. "We are more than happy to give Arsenal and Chelsea an extra 24 hours breathing space after their European ties — and their opponents are also only too pleased to help," Adrian Cook, the Premier League's assistant secretary, said yesterday.

Coventry are still involved in the Coca-Cola Cup — they are away to Blackburn in the third round in three weeks time — but have no objections to playing at Arsenal on October 23.

Chelsea are at home to Ipswich on the same day and on Sunday, November 6, take on Coventry, also at Stamford Bridge. Arsenal's clash with Sheffield Wednesday at Highbury had already been put back from the Saturday.

Coca-Cola Cup

Third round

Aston Villa v Middlesbrough
Blackburn Rovers v Coventry City
Brighton v Swindon Town
Liverpool v Stoke City
Mansfield Town v Millwall
Newcastle United v Manchester United
Notts County v Tottenham Hotspur
Oldham Athletic v Arsenal
Portsmouth v Derby County
Queens Park Rangers v Manchester C
Sheffield United v Bolton Wanderers
Sheffield Wednesday v Southampton
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West Ham United v Chelsea
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Wolverhampton v Nottingham Forest

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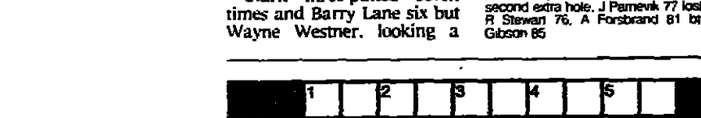
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Knock off till tomorrow (4,2,1,3)
7 Adjective (7)
8 Release (3,2)
10 Conquer by weight of numbers (7)
11 Initial stage (5)
12 Easy job (6)
15 Stick (to) (6)
17 Put forward (theory) (5)
18 Thickly-applied paint (7)
21 Head of religious house (5)
22 Knock down like ninepins (7)
23 Intellect (4,6)

DOWN

1 Robert —, established British rule in India (5)
2 Merry Widow composer (5)
3 Purpose (6)
4 In sum (3,4)
5 Stage performer (7)
6 Make disappointing purchase (2,4,1,3)
9 Groggy, facing defeat (2,3,5)
13 Fact file (7)
14 Form of church services (7)
16 Unhealthy emanation (6)
19 Location; sharp end (5)
20 Goat-like man (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 285

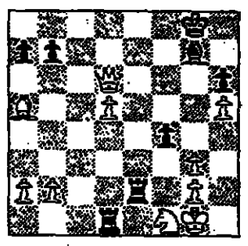
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DOWN: 1 Cancel 2 Lair 3 Stand to reason 4 Tracer 5 Wipe off the map 6 Landmark 7 Screen 13 Military 15 Alpaca 16 Yes-man 18 Rhymer 21 Iron

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Tkachiev - Malaniuk, Intel Grand Prix, 1994. Here Black, although behind on material, has a fearsome attack. How can he bring it to a successful conclusion?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PAKHAL
a. A bucket
b. A Pakistani holiday
c. A Basque ball-game

PROBIT
a. A planetary investigation
b. A banned substance
c. A scale unit

PAYNE'S GREY
a. A Derby winner
b. A composite pigment
c. Panic

RECORTE
a. To find
b. A bullfighter's pass
c. A refund

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